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Plans had included cafe, outdoor square and a pop-up cinema

'Project cannot be justified' – £2m Guildhall revamp is axed

By George Welch

A PLANNED major redevelopment of Abingdon's historic Abbey Hall has been scrapped after a penniless council said the renovation would be too costly.

In a statement released on Thursday last week, Abingdon Town Council leader Mike Badcock admitted the building, also known as the Guildhall, "has beaten us" after the estimated cost exceeded the council's budget by nearly £1m.

Proposals for a new café, bar, outdoor square and pop-up cinema at the Guildhall were approved by town leaders in December 2015.

The £2.1m plans for the project were finally submitted to Vale of White Horse District Council in March last year, almost three years after the initial designs were first unveiled.

But plans for the 1960s hall, which was initially scheduled to reopen in May, have fallen through because, now the tenders have been considered, the project would be too costly, council chiefs admitted.

The plan was abandoned at a town council meeting on Wednesday last week.

And in a statement, the council said: "The council has, with regret, concluded that the project and the necessary works which are required to bring the Abbey Hall up to acceptable modern standards, is unaffordable in the context of the council's overall financial commitments and the fact that many of the services which would have been delivered from the Abbey Hall are provided by other organisations and businesses.

"Consequently, the capital investment required in the Abbey Hall project cannot be justified."

The council added that, over the coming months, it would work with other local authorities to find an alternative community use for the hall.

Cllr Badcock said: "The council has worked very hard on finding a solution which is both sustainable and affordable but have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the building has been beaten us.

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> *Abingdon Town Council leader Mike Badcock*

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Firefighters tackle severe blaze and smoke at farm

By George Welch

A LARGE fire at Goring Heath bellowed "thick acrid smoke" across the Oxfordshire and Berkshire border on Saturday.

The blaze ripped through agricultural buildings at Mount Pleasant Farm in the south Oxfordshire hamlet at 10am.

Residents were advised to stay indoors and shut their windows to avoid contact with the smoke as the weather conditions meant the smoke settled on nearby homes.

No people or animals were hurt.

Group manager Jason Crapper from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service who attended the incident described the blaze as "a very severe fire".

Eight fire engines from Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service and Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue extinguished the blaze in a combined effort to drench the fire.

The first firefighters on the scene were greeted with a rapidly spreading fire and further fire engines were sent along with water carriers from as far as Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service to try to stop the fire from spreading further.

Firefighters used water jets from around the buildings to quash the fire, whilst also putting in place measures to protect local watercourses from the water run off which threatened oil contamination from the fire.

An investigation into the cause is under way, but early indications suggest a faulty industrial generator started the fire.

Mr Crapper added: "Although it has caused considerable damage, the nearby buildings were protected which has saved both the buildings and the valuable plant and machinery they house.

"We work very closely with our Thames Valley Fire and Rescue Service partners and the benefits of this has been demonstrated today in the way that firefighters from Oxfordshire and Berkshire worked seamlessly together to successfully tackle this fire."

• Emergency vehicles at the scene. Picture: South Central Ambulance Service

• Firefighters do battle with the flames at the farm at Goring Heath Pictures: Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Accident victim dies after two car crash

A MAN injured in a collision in Cropredy last week has died in hospital.

Roads Policing officers attended a two vehicle collision between a green Porsche Boxster and a blue Ford Fiesta in Oxley Hill shortly after 8am on Tuesday last week.

An occupant of the Ford Fiesta, a 25-year-old man, sustained serious injuries and was taken by air ambulance to hospital in Coventry.

He died in the early hours of Wednesday last week.

The driver of the Porsche Boxster sustained minor injuries.

No arrests have been made in connection with the collision.

Investigating officer PC Julia Stroud, from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: "I would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the collision or who saw the vehicles travelling prior to the collision."

On Tuesday last week police revealed they were searching for "a man, who was wearing a high visibility jacket" who was "believed to have left the scene of the collision".

On Thursday they updated the appeal to say: "We believe we have located a man we had been appealing for who had been travelling in the Ford Fiesta."

Anyone who has any information about the collision, or who has information about the whereabouts of the man should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

• Picture: Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Concerns over idyllic countryside and access to roads

Split over Earth Trust plan

By Eva Astreinidou

A DEVELOPMENT plan to build on Little Wittenham's Earth Trust Centre has divided councillors over concerns of harm to historic landscape and 'idyllic countryside' as well as concerns over road access.

The application submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council was refused on January 20 by the Brightwell-Cum-Sotwell Parish Council, on the grounds of the 'effect on historic landscape.'

Earlier in January, Little Wittenham Parish Council approved the application with 'no strong views'.

The plan includes the creation of a new access track from Sires Hill and the formation of new car parking areas, a new skills and learning building, an amphitheatre, and three new barns as well as the conversion of existing office space to a cafe, and conversion of the existing barn to office space.

Some constraints include the site being part of the designated North Wessex area of outstanding natural beauty, as well as being an area of archeological significance that had scheduled monuments on its premises.

The planning application states: "One of the hills, Castle Hill, is a scheduled monument, which adds another layer of historic interest to the area. The proposal constitutes a major development in a highly sensitive location, with long reaching views in and out of the site."

It also says: "The siting of the centre is closely integrated with conserving and accessing the landscape and therefore could not be located elsewhere.

"While it is recognised that there will be landscape and visual impact on the surrounding area, a notable public benefit has been identified in the proposed changes and in the long-term guardianship of the wider area by the Earth Trust."

The application has received both positive and negative feedback from nearby residents.

Jennifer Jennings, a Wallingford resident, said: "This is an exciting proposal for a much-loved local resource. The expansion will be of great benefit to the local community, as well as drawing in visitors from further afield.

"We are frequent visitors to the Earth Trust and would use the site even more with these added features. What a great day out for families!"

Another resident said: "Whilst I appreciate the congestion that can occur on their current access road, the proposed new route is not beneficial to either the landscape or its inhabitants."

Lynda Atkins, county councillor for Wallingford and the Wittenhams, said: "I hope the Earth Trust application is approved. With any change like this, not everyone can be happy but overall in this case I think the benefits outweigh the concerns some local people have expressed. The Earth Trust is a really wonderful organisation managing some really special places, and we need to ensure it is right for the future."

Guildhall refurbishment scrapped over escalating costs

• *From front page*

"Whilst this is to be regretted it is better for this difficult decision to have been taken now before substantial sums were committed to building works.

"Even based on the lowest tender we were looking at overall project costs of £3,080,000 [including a budget of £120,000 for works in the building].

"It remains this council's intention to move forward and re-open the historic Guildhall when any necessary works have been undertaken in relation to that building."

The scrapping of the plans has left residents and former-residents frustrated.

One Abingdon local said: "I don't know whether to laugh or cry, exasperated and speechless. What a flipping mess! Back at square one, again."

Meanwhile, the town council voted unanimously on Wednesday last week to raise the council tax precept to help the town's struggling South Abingdon Children's Centre.

Abingdon councillor Angela Lawrence said the 'very small increase' "will be enough to enable us to contribute funding to the threatened Abingdon's children's centre".

She added that it is an "excellent result, and a wise one given that next year towns and parishes will very likely be subject to the same council tax capping restrictions districts and counties endure".

It is hoped the extra money raised will enable the council to earmark cash to support the children's centre staying open.

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Thief jailed

ABINGDON: A homeless thief has been jailed for 15 months for robbing a disabled man at knifepoint at Abingdon Library.

Robert Zasada, 26, demanded money from a 36-year-old man on the street outside the library, based at The Charter, just after 4.50pm on August 2 last year.

The victim, a 36-year-old man, tried leaving but was cornered and threatened with a knife. The man, who also has learning disabilities, gave Zasada money before the thief fled the scene.

Zasada, who was charged on August 4, pleaded guilty to robbery at Oxford Crown Court on Thursday last week where he was sentenced to 15 months in prison.

U20 rugby cap

ABINGDON: Former Abingdon School pupil Theo Brophy Clews has been selected by England Rugby in their U20 Six Nations squad.

The team's first game is against France at Exeter Chiefs' Sandy Park at 12pm on February 4.

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Thousands protest over Trump ban

By Eva Astreinidou

MORE than 28,500 people in Oxfordshire have put their names to a petition calling for President Trump's state visit to be blocked.

On Friday last week Mr Trump signed an executive order suspending travel to the US from seven-Muslim majority countries – Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan and Libya. More than 1.8million people have signed nationwide.

Oxford West and Abingdon and Oxford East comprise the highest figures in the region, with more than 13,000 signatures.

The petition reads: "Donald Trump should be allowed to enter the UK in his capacity as head of the US Government, but he should not be invited to make an official State Visit because it would cause embarrassment to Her Majesty the Queen."

On Monday, hundreds of people attended a protest held at Carfax Tower by Oxford Stand Up to Racism, Oxford Momentum, and Oxford University Islamic Society.

Ian Mckendrick from Oxford Stand Up To Racism said: "It is clear Donald Trump is using racism as a political weapon to create divisions and scapegoats. This ban has immediate life wrecking consequences for people who have every legal right to be in the US but are now barred from returning to their jobs, homes and families. It also condemns refugees in genuine need of protection from persecution, and is an appalling attack on Human Rights.

"Trump's order also gives a green light to racists everywhere to go on the offensive. His election campaign was accompanied by a rise in racist attacks, and this will only incite more attacks.

"Trump's planned state visit to the UK would be an endorsement of his racism and would give heart to racists here – the Prime Minister should cancel the visits until Trump guarantees he will protect fundamental rights and freedoms."

The event organisers posted on Facebook: "Already people who have waited months for visas and paid everything, followed correct procedures, sold all of their stakes in their homeland and prepared for a momentous move are being denied entry to the country of their choice. As well as migrants this includes refugees. This will NOT stand.

"They shall NOT starve, they shall NOT freeze. Open the borders to the refugees!"

Andrew Smith, MP for Oxford East, said: "I share my constituents' shock and concern at President Trump's bans, which have everything to do with prejudice and discrimination and nothing to do with fighting terrorism.

"They tarnish the historic reputation and record of the US as welcoming refugees and migrants.

"It would clearly be inappropriate for a visit to take place until the US political system and courts together with international opinion have put this right. I am taking up these concerns with the Prime Minister."

Another petition countering the proposal to block the state visit has since been created – that reads: "Donald Trump should be invited to make an official State Visit because he is the leader of a free world and UK is a country that supports free speech and does not believe that people that oppose our point of view should be gagged."

The petitions will be debated in parliament on February 20.

President Trump's state visit is due to take place this summer.

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• *People of all ages and races gathered in Carfax on Monday night in an emergency demo to make their feelings known about President Trump's immigration ban. Main picture: Hugh Jaeger*

Mass brawl at station leads to witness appeal

BRITISH Transport Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was knocked unconscious during a fight outside Oxford railway station on Saturday.

Officers were called to the front of the station around 4.30am on Saturday to reports that up to seven people were involved in an altercation.

When officers attended, they found a 19-year-old man who had been left unconscious. He received hospital treatment for minor cuts and bruises.

It is believed as many as 15 people could have been involved in the incident, both male and female.

Investigating officer Det Con Mat Harvey said: "Although the station was closed at this time, we know there would have been a number of people around.

"Did you see what happened? If so, please let us know as soon as you can.

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Driver was using phone at time of fatal A34 crash

By Adam Flinn

A DRIVER was using his mobile phone when he caused a collision on the A34 in West Berkshire that led to a 28-year-old man being killed.

Lewis Stratford, 24, of Field Avenue in Oxford, pleaded guilty at Reading Crown Court last week to causing the death of Gavin Roberts by dangerous driving on the A34 near the Compton junction.

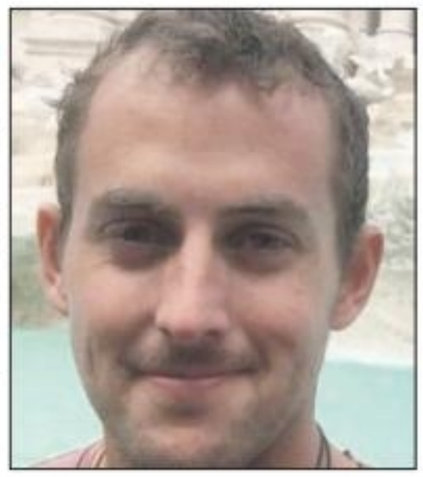
The crash happened shortly before 10pm on June 11 last year.

Stratford's Vauxhall Corsa collided into the central reservation and speared onto the opposite carriageway, where it was hit head on by Mr Roberts' BMW.

Mr Roberts suffered life-threatening injuries and was taken to hospital, but died four days later.

Appearing in court last Tuesday, Stratford admitted he was using his phone at the time of the crash.

Investigating officer Sgt Beth Walton, from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: "This was an avoidable collision, occurring because of the actions taken by Lewis Stratford, which was to drive his vehicle at speed whilst using his mobile phone.



• *Gavin Roberts*

"Driving whilst using a mobile phone is one of the 'fatal four' driving offences, along with speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and drink or drug driving.

"It's an offence which can, as this case shows, have catastrophic consequences, and the loss of a life in these circumstances and impact on families and friends is devastating.

"The conviction, I hope, will allow the family and friends of Gavin Roberts to have a sense of closure with regard to proceedings and enable them to continue through their grief at this difficult time."

Following the crash, Mr Roberts' partner Meg Williamson set up a petition to impose a 50mph limit on the A34, enforced by speed cameras. This has reached almost 2,500 signatures.

It came just two months before 45-year-old Tracy Houghton, her 13-year-old son Ethan, 11-year-old son Josh, and 11-year-old stepdaughter Aimee Goldsmith, were killed in an eight-vehicle collision nearby on the A34 at East Ilsley.

Lorry driver Tomasz Kroker was also distracted by his phone when he caused the crash, and was jailed for 10 years in October.

Stratford was released on bail to be sentenced at Reading Crown Court on March 3.

Jamie's magical visit to school pupils

A MAGICAL runner-up from hit TV show Britain's Got Talent (BGT) dazzled schoolchildren as he embarked on a month-long tour.

Jamie Raven, who finished second to Jules O'Dwyer and her dog Matisse in the 2015 edition of BGT, visited two Oxford schools on Friday ahead of his show at the New Theatre on Monday.

Jamie has toured the world over the past 11 years perfecting his craft and said his ambition has always been to take magic to a wider audience – an opportunity BGT finally provided.

His online videos from BGT have now been seen millions of times, making him one of the most viewed magicians in the world.

His magic amazed audiences and even made top-judge Simon Cowell say: "I now finally believe in magic".

And on Friday, Jamie mesmerised pupils at St Barnabas Primary School, on Hart Street, and Rye St Antony, on Pullens Lane.

Rye St Antony deputy headteacher Philip Humphreys said: "We are really grateful that Jamie took time out from his busy schedule to come and speak and perform for our prep school pupils.

"It was a fantastic morning and the boys and girls were delighted to have the opportunity to talk to someone whose craft is admired around the world.

"Here at Rye St Antony, our philosophy is that every one of our pupils is an individual whose particular strengths and talents are encouraged and allowed to flourish within a supportive environment.

"After today's visit from Jamie, we may even have some budding young magicians in our midst!"

Mr Raven will return to Oxford on Monday to perform a brand-new live show at the New Theatre in George Street as part of a month-long tour.

• *Jamie Raven wows pupils at Rye St Antony with his magic tricks*

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Launched in 2009, the Oxford Food Bank receives no Government grants or official support, relying instead on goodwill from local businesses and individuals to help meet its £70,000 a year running costs.

Combining the £5,000 raised last year with a further £3,000 from a Festive Food Share campaign in 2015, it means Grundon has now supported the charity to the tune of £8,000 and donated at least 24 volunteering days during 2016.

For every food waste container it collects from businesses during 2017 across its whole Thames Valley and South East operating area, the company will donate 5p to the charity.

The food bank's co-founder, David Cairns, said: "We really value Grundon's support and commitment, both from a practical and financial perspective, but also the fact that they share our desire to reduce the food waste mountain."

Managing director at Grundon, Clayton Sullivan-Webb, who has joined the food bank team on their rounds, said: "We continue to work hard to educate our customers about food waste, promoting the fact that disposal should always be the last resort.

"However, we do understand that sometimes there is no other choice, so by encouraging businesses to segregate food from other waste we can collect it separately and raise funds for this great charity at the same time."

Duchess gives her support to children's hospital in a letter

By George Welch

THE Duchess of Cambridge has written a letter congratulating the Oxford Children's Hospital on its 10th anniversary and pledging her "wholehearted support" to its charity appeal.

The children's hospital, based at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headington, opened its doors to its first families a decade ago in 2007.

And since then, the purpose-built centre has held a special place in the hearts of thousands of families across Oxfordshire.

To mark the milestone, the hospital's charity has launched a new £2 million 10th anniversary appeal to help fund a new 62-bedroom Ronald McDonald House for parents to stay close to their poorly youngsters.

A statement of support from Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, was sent to the hospital charity, praising the committed staff and encouraging people to support the new appeal.

She said: "It is wonderful to hear of the inspiring ways in which charitable donations have helped young patients and their families in the Oxford Children's Hospital over the past decade.

"So many areas of hospital life have been touched by the generosity of those donating to the hospital's charity.

"It is the efforts and dedication of these individuals, groups and organisations, in conjunction with the tireless work of committed hospital staff, that make this 10th anniversary celebration so very special. I would like to congratulate the Oxford Children's Hospital on this important milestone and lend my wholehearted support to a new appeal launched by the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Charitable Funds.

"I wish this appeal every success in raising funds so that babies, children, teenagers and their families can continue to be looked after in as comfortable and happy an environment as possible, with the very best equipment, during what can inevitably be an anxious time for all."

Lady Baldry, chair of the appeal, said her team were "thrilled to receive such special words of support".

She added: "We really hope our wonderful local community will also rally behind this important appeal."

The appeal will help create more space for parents to stay close to their children, as well as fund extra play areas and specialist medical equipment.

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• *The Duchess of Cambridge has praised the work of Oxford's Children's Hospital*

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19 charged after drug raids

Addresses in Abingdon and Oxford targeted in the early hours

By George Welch

A TOTAL of 19 people have been charged following a series of drug raids in Oxford, Abingdon and London last week.

Twenty-six people have now been arrested after police executed 21 warrants during dawn raids on Tuesday last week as Thames Valley Police (TVP) launched Operation Stronghold to crack down on serious organised crime.

The warrants were executed under the name of Operation Spires – part of Stronghold.

Six women and 20 men aged 19 to 76 were arrested – 15 of the 26 were arrested in Oxfordshire.

Police have confirmed that 19 of those arrested have been charged with various drug offences, with four of them also up for money laundering charges.

All of those charged have been remanded in custody, with 13 to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

The five others charged are to attend Oxford Magistrates' Court on February 10, March 7 and March 14.

A 37-year-old Oxford man arrested on suspicion of possession of heroin received a police caution.

Ten homes in Oxford, two in Abingdon and 11 in London were stormed simultaneously by 180 officers in the early hours of Tuesday last week.

As part of Operation Spires, TVP has confirmed the following charges:

• Mohammed Sayid, 26, of Elder Way, Oxford has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Mohammed Mubidi, 29, of Bath Street, Abingdon has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Cher Busby, 41, of Bath Street, Abingdon has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Kaye Alderson, 41, of Henry Taunt Close, Headington has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine and has been bailed to appear at Oxford Magistrates Court March 14.

• Waseem Ahmed, 32, of Hurst Street, Oxford has been charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs, two counts of conspiracy to supply class a drugs and one count of money laundering. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Nadeem Ahmed, 30, of Hurst Street, Oxford has been charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs, two counts of conspiracy to supply class a drugs and one count of money laundering. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Din Ahmed, 76, of Hurst Street, Oxford has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin, conspiracy to supply cocaine, one count of money laundering and one count of allowing premises to be used for supply of class A drugs. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Arshad Ahmed, 40, of Rymers Lane, Oxford has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin, conspiracy to supply cocaine and money laundering. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on 24 February.

• Martin Singh-Gil, 26, of Woodstock Avenue, Southall has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply class A drugs. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Ashley Thompson, 21, of Earlom House, Islington has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Ebeneezer Fadehan, 21, of Wennington Road, Rainham has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine and has been bailed to appear at Oxford Magistrates' Court on March 7.

• Rebecca Black, 26, of Medhurst Way, Oxford has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine and has been bailed to appear at Oxford Magistrates' Court on March 7.

• Shania Campbell, 27, of no fixed abode has been charged with possession with one count of intent to supply heroin, concerned in the supply of heroin and one count of concerned in the supply of cocaine. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Reanna Killick, 23, of Elder Way, Oxford has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine and has been released on police bail to Oxford Magistrates' Court on March 14.

• Shane Hill, 19, of Church Lane, Edmonton has been charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply heroin and crack cocaine and two counts of concerned in the supply of heroin and crack cocaine and has been released on police bail to Oxford Magistrates Court February 10.

• Khalid Khalid, 24, of Mayfield Road, Dagenham has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine and has been released on police bail to Oxford Magistrates Court on March 14.

• Abubaker Abasheikh, 28 of Butsbury Road, Ilford has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Khari Oram, 19, of Caldy Walk Islington London has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

• Azad Akrwai, 22, of Pulteney Road, South Woodford, London has been charged with one count of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine. Remanded to appear at Oxford Crown Court on February 24.

The following were released on police bail:

• A 32-year-old man from Oxford was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine and has been released on police bail until March 6.

• A 26-year-old man from Oxford was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine and has been released on police bail until March 9.

• A 40-year-old man from Oxford was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply heroin and cocaine and has been released on police bail March 6.

• A 27-year-old woman from Abingdon was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply class A drugs and has been released on police bail until March 7.

• A 23-year-old man from Ilford was arrested on suspicion of possession of a class A drug and has been released on police bail until March 7.

• A 26-year-old man from Ilford was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply of class A drugs and has been released on police bail until March 7.

Lastly, a 37-year-old man from Oxford was arrested on suspicion of possession of heroin and received a police caution.

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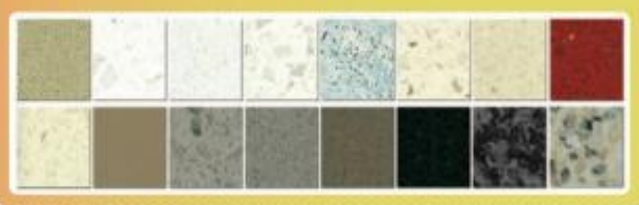

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Didcot's Willowbrook Leisure Centre hosted a family fun day on Sunday which kick started P2G's £10k in 10 appeal for this year - the funds from which will go to the Oxford Children's Hospital, one of P2G's main beneficiaries.

The spring will see a quirky take on football with a bubble football tournament in which teams will take each other on inside giant inflatable zorbing balls. P2G hopes to run this on Great Western Park in Didcot.

The regular children's football tournament is planned to take place in July and for the hardy, runners are invited to take on the gruelling 13.1 mile Oxford Half Marathon in support of P2G.

A more sedate way to show your support is to don your black tie attire and enjoy the 10th anniversary ball to be held at the Civic Centre in Didcot on September 29.

As well as celebrating 10 years of P2G changing and transforming lives it will also mark the 10th anniversary of the Children's Hospital for which the ball will be raising money along with it's other main cause, Headway Oxfordshire. Headway is celebrating its own 10th anniversary in 2018.

P2G is currently looking for a generous Oxfordshire company or two to sponsor or part sponsor the ball in return for free promotion and exposure for their business.

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Oxford Children's Hospital

AS the hospital marks its 10 years, P2G's £40,000 raised for the hospital has enabled the group to have a lasting legacy with the naming of a room on the teenage ward. The long-term aim is to help fund the building of a parent accommodation block allowing parents to stay nearer their ill children.

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PUPILS with autism at LVS Oxford enjoyed a day to remember when an animal handling company visited the Begbroke school for a sensory learning session.

Snakes, stick insects, and even a tarantula visited the school for young people aged 11 to 18 with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum, and the interactive learning format brought about great engagement and excitement amongst interested students.

The visit from Zoolab and their animals on Tuesday last week generated excitement, but the lessons also had a really scientific and educational benefit, the school said.

The classes were able to learn about food webs, looking at the processes that involve plants as producers through the chain of consumers from smaller animals like stick insects up to rats and snakes, and also about the process of evolution and how and why animals have developed like they have.

Student Owen said: "I really enjoyed it, especially the snake and the stick insect as they are animals you don't get to see often and never have the chance to touch."

One by one a giant snail, a stick insect, and a rat were brought out for students to hold and observe, before they were able to see a tarantula at close quarters in an open box.

The moment that drew the most reaction though was meeting Terri the cornsnake.

Zoolab's Georgie Jefferies, who conducted the session, said: "It was a great way for students with autism to engage with nature as it was such a sensory session where they could touch and feel the animals which really got them interested. It was a combination of education and therapy."

• Pupils from LVS Oxford enjoyed meeting the creatures from Zoolab, top, Thomas and Byron meet a cornsnake; above, with a giant snail and (top left), Byron meets a stick insect

Watchdog calls for openness on NHS plans

By Eva Astreinidou

HEALTHWATCH Oxfordshire is calling for transparency from the NHS bodies responsible for the planning and commissioning of health care services and challenging the refusal of a Freedom of Information request that they campaigned for due to 'unnecessary secrecy'.

The challenge was lodged against the region's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

Last year, Healthwatch requested details on the region's sustainability and transformation plan (STP) for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) because "it felt it was being produced with unnecessary secrecy".

The request and a subsequent appeal were both refused.

Eddie Duller, chairman of Healthwatch Oxfordshire, said: "If this decision is upheld, it gives the NHS the right to invent all kinds of committees or sub-committees that are not in themselves statutory bodies and continue to work in secret."

He added: "It is becoming quite clear that the transformation of the NHS is being driven nationally to a pattern that will be difficult to be changed at a local level.

"There is great merit in some of the alleged proposals for sharing resources over a larger area such as BOB, but we believe these decisions should be made in a transparent manner."

David Smith, chief executive at OCCG and the lead for the BOB STP, said: "We would strongly refute any suggestion of secrecy around the BOB STP.

"As soon as the BOB STP draft plan was ready and had been agreed by NHS England it was published and made available in December 2016 for everyone to read, together with the summary document. The plan is still a draft. The public across the three counties will have an opportunity to comment and discuss the BOB STP options in the coming months and we want to hear their views before any final decisions are made.

"Healthwatch has had a seat at the table during development of Oxfordshire's proposals and its comments and expertise have helped to shape those proposals. Patients, the public and professional health and social care staff are now being asked for their views during the course of a full 12-week consultation.

"No decisions will be taken until the consultation is complete."

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Neighbours cheered by pub plan for arson site

By Eva Astreinidou

MYSTERY surrounds development plans to resurrect the derelict site that was home to the Jack Russell pub.

The pub, in Salford Road, Marston, has been the source of a long-running saga after it was damaged in a suspected arson attack in November and subsequently earmarked for a development of 16 flats on site.

Site owners wanted to demolish the building to restore it to a three-storey block of flats.

The news that Ronnie Politt, owner of Templar's Bar and Kitchen, Cowley, approached the owner with a bid to build a pub on the site was met with relief from local residents.

Mick Haines, Marston councillor and campaigner against the proposal to build flats on the site, welcomed the announcement.

In January he was campaigning in the area to garner residents' support for the restoration into a new pub.

With the Old Marston Parish council on his side, he was hopeful the application for flats could be halted and the proposal for a new pub accepted.

In response to the news, he said: "I was over the moon."

Now he says: "The owner of the Jack Russell has not got in touch [with the Templar's Bar and Kitchen owner]" and added that the bid "might not go ahead after all" as the current owner may no longer want the purchase to go ahead.

Cllr Haines added: "I think it is scandalous. We are not giving in on our end."

Before news of the bid to redevelop the site into a pub, he said: "We would like to see it standing as a pub again as soon as possible. I didn't find anyone who opposed this. If the housing development went ahead, it would mean taking away a valuable asset of the community."

He added: "The three-story building they are proposing does not fit in with the area and the amount of parking spaces is horrendous. Part of the worry is also the flooding and sewage situation because more flats will put a strain on the system."

The planning application is pending determination by Oxford City Council.

The pub has stood derelict since it was sold by brewery Greene King in October 2015.

• Firefighters tackle the blaze at the Jack Russell pub in November
Picture: Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue

Reflecting on the past and creating a safer future

HOLOCAUST Memorial Day was marked with a service in Oxford's Town Hall on Friday with the theme 'How can life go on (after genocide)'?

Dignitaries and faith leaders gathered for the occasion which has bee commemorated in the UK since 2001.

The Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan, said: "Holocaust Memorial Day is not only about commemorating past genocides and honouring those who died, but about standing with those who survive so this year's theme is 'How can life go on (after genocide)?'.

"It is a chance to reflect on and learn from the lessons of the past to influence and create a safer future as well as to ensure that these horrendous crimes are not forgotten or repeated."

Penny Faust, chair of the Oxford Council of Faiths and member of the Oxford Jewish Congregation, said: "Holocaust Memorial Day reminds us of the dangers of racism and prejudice across the world.

"It's a reminder that, more than 70 years after the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps, we can still see genocide, the conscious and deliberate effort of one group to eliminate another.

"I believe that each of us must speak out against racism and prejudice at all levels of our society wherever and whenever we notice them, before they grow into something much worse."

In 2005, the United Nations declared January 27 as an international day to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives have been affected during the Holocaust, and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur.

• Chair of the Oxford Council of Faiths and member of the Oxford Jewish Congregation Penny Faust lit a candle in remembrance and spoke of the need to speak out about racism and prejudice
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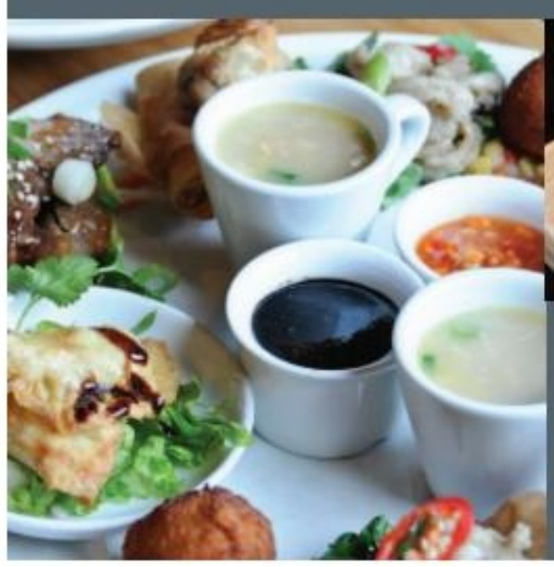

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Sewage charges

OXON: Thames Water is due to be sentenced this week for five offences at sewage treatment works including Didcot, Henley and Littlemore.

The utility company is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court today and tomorrow over offences during 2013 and 2014.

The facilities involved are four sewage treatment works (STWs), at Aylesbury, Didcot, Henley and Little Marlow, serving a population in excess of 320,000, and a large sewage pumping station at Littlemore.

The prosecutions, under Regulation 38 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010, involve discharging polluting matter into the River Thames and its tributaries and breaches of the environmental permits controlling discharges.

Council print deal

W OXON: West Oxfordshire District Council has saved £35,000 for its taxpayers after agreeing a major document printing and distribution deal.

A three-year contract has been awarded to UK Mail to outsource the printing and mailing of council tax and business rate bills along with housing benefit documents.

Cabinet members agreed the move which followed a tendering process.

Come on girls – it's time to get dirty and fight cancer

By George Welch

WOMEN across Oxfordshire are being urged to help beat cancer by taking part in Cancer Research UK's Race for Life events this year.

Over the past 20 years, more than eight million women have taken part in the charity's Race for Life, raising over £547 million to fund life-saving work.

Participants can walk, jog or run around the course as part of the Race for Life 5k and 10k events on July 9.

Pretty Muddy took place in Oxford for the first time last year and is returning to the city for a second year this summer.

The women-only, non-competitive 5k and 10k obstacle course - with an extra helping of mud - received a whole-hearted welcome from the thousands of women who took part.

Thanks to their enthusiasm, the event will return on September 16 and organisers are urging women to secure their place as soon as possible.

Money raised from the two events will help Cancer Research UK scientists find new ways to treat cancer and save more lives.

Kelly Rumble, Cancer Research UK's Oxford event manager, said: "Signing up to take part in Race for Life is a great way for women to set themselves a new and exciting challenge for 2017.

"Whether they're planning a 5k amble with friends, a 10k sprint or a mud-splattered race around Pretty Muddy, every step women take will help to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

She added: "We're delighted to be able to bring Pretty Muddy back to Oxford as it's a fantastic addition to our Race for Life family of events.

"It has all the fun and camaraderie of our much loved 5k and 10k events - but with added mud, thrills and spills

"Every day, around 130 people are diagnosed with cancer in the south east. That's why we're calling on women in Oxford to make 2017 a year to remember.

"Together, we can stop this devastating disease in its tracks."

One in two people in the UK will be diagnosed with cancer at some stage in their lives, but more people are now surviving the disease than ever before, with survival rates doubling since the early 1970s.

Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, the charity was able to spend over £22 million last year in Oxford on some of the UK's leading scientific and clinical research - helping more men, women and children survive.

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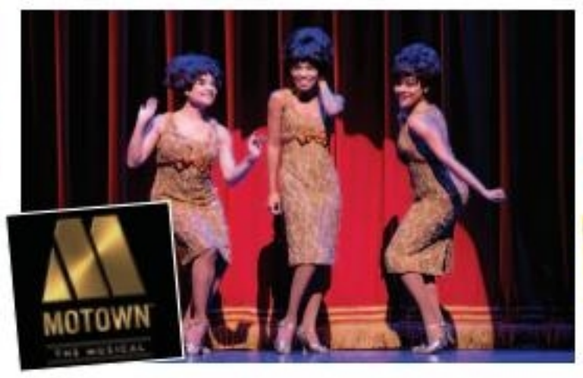

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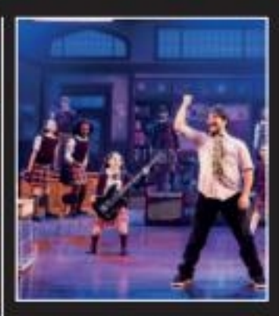

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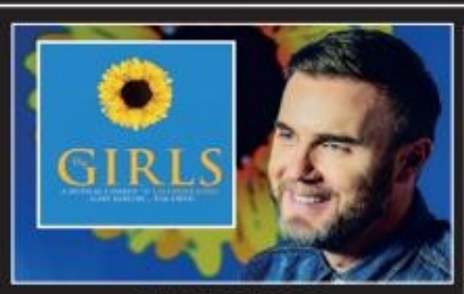

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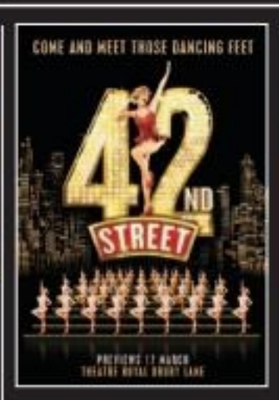

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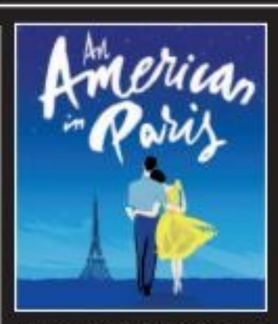

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Community projects receive grants boost

By Eva Astreinidou

MORE than £52,000 has been awarded in grants to help support community projects across the Vale district.

The money has been awarded by Vale of White Horse District Council to support improvements to sports facilities and other centres.

Faringdon Football Club, Wantage Tennis Club, and the Abingdon Rowing Club have all received a portion of the grant.

Funding has also been granted to Wantage Gymnastics Club, Pump House Project and Harwell Village Tennis Club.

The top-tier amount has been awarded to Faringdon Football Club for an upgrade to their changing rooms and to replace their door and security shutter.

The club released a statement outlining how the money will be used.

The statement read: "After fantastic work from members of the Faringdon Town Football Club Committee, we can announce that we have been awarded a £13,400 grant from the Vale.

"This grant is to be used for the planned new changing facilities. The club has set a target of £45,500 to make improvements to the facilities at Tucker Park.

"Planning approval has already been granted for the work, so this is a great start to the fundraising."

Tom Brown's Museum, based in a schoolroom dating from 1617, has also been given a boost of over £6,700 for repairs.

The funding was agreed by the Abingdon and North East, and the Faringdon and Wantage Area Committees.

Councillor Elaine Ware, cabinet member for the Vale, said: "These grants will help pay for much needed repair work and upgrades at key community facilities in the Vale.

"The funding will benefit many of our residents and recognises the important contribution these community projects make to life in the district."

The next round of applications for community grant funding in the Vale opens on April 1.

Where the funds will go:	
Faringdon Football Club	£14,442
Floodlighting at Wantage Tennis Club	£12,216
Car park improvements at Abingdon Rowing Club	£7,015
Uffington Parish Council repairs to Tom Brown's Museum	£6,721
Sprung floor at Wantage Gym Club	£6,553
Stage resurfacing and a buggy/bike shelter at the Pump House Project	£3,143
Harwell Village Tennis Club for replacement fencing	£2,160

Jennifer and Jacob Boender of Orthomobility at Culham Science Centre – Mr Boender says the natural properties of fluid movement blend with those of the body

Nice and kneesy does it!

A BUSINESS that specialises in the development of a revolutionary new approach to artificial knees has expanded with a move to Culham Science Centre.

Orthomobility's range of artificial knee joints known as 'Very Good Knees' (VGK) enables the movement of the user when walking leg-over-leg downstairs or on slopes without depending on battery power.

Founded in 2004 by husband and wife team Jacob and Jennifer Boender, the company has worked with amputees within the NHS to develop a fluidic control technology for knee joints that allows the amputee complete control of the artificial limb.

Inventor Mr Boender said: "The fluidics harness the natural properties of fluid movement to blend in with those of the human body, to the extent that users spontaneously call it a Very Good Knee."

The VGK Go has established itself as a high-end product in a global market.

Mrs Boender added that the knee joints, although high-end, are available for everyone.

She said: "There's a common perception that people in the armed forces lose limbs, but anyone can lose a limb at any time due to trauma and disease – even more so in an ageing society.

"Yet adequate funding for civilian amputees is often overlooked. We specialise in creating innovative prosthetic knees that are affordable and accessible to people worldwide who have lost legs."

Orthomobility has leased a 1,400 sq ft office at Culham Science Centre to house its seven strong UK team and were attracted to the site due to the combination of office and lab space in addition to on site facilities.

Dawn Russell, commercial property manager at the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA), said: "The Culham Science Centre team is pleased to welcome Orthomobility to the site and look forward to helping Jacob and Jennifer to focus on and grow their business at Culham."

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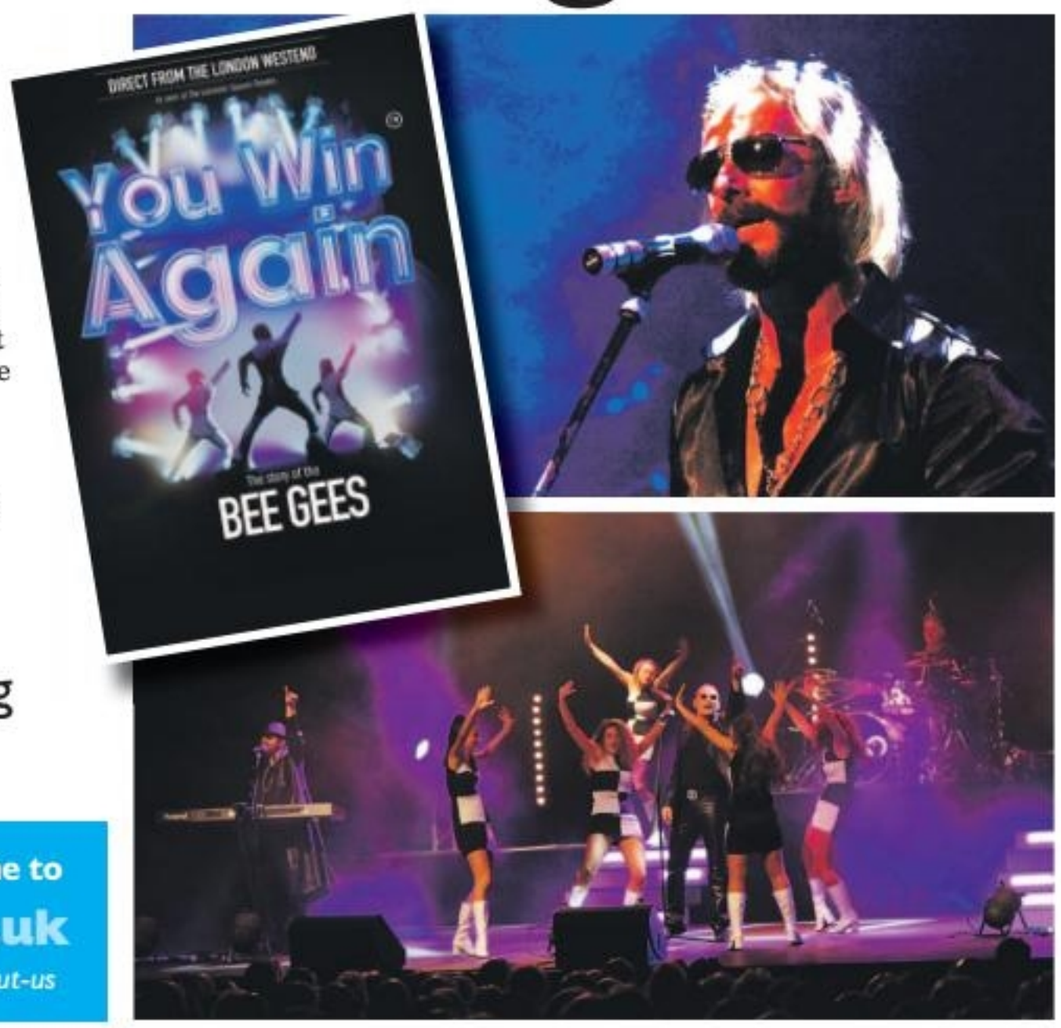

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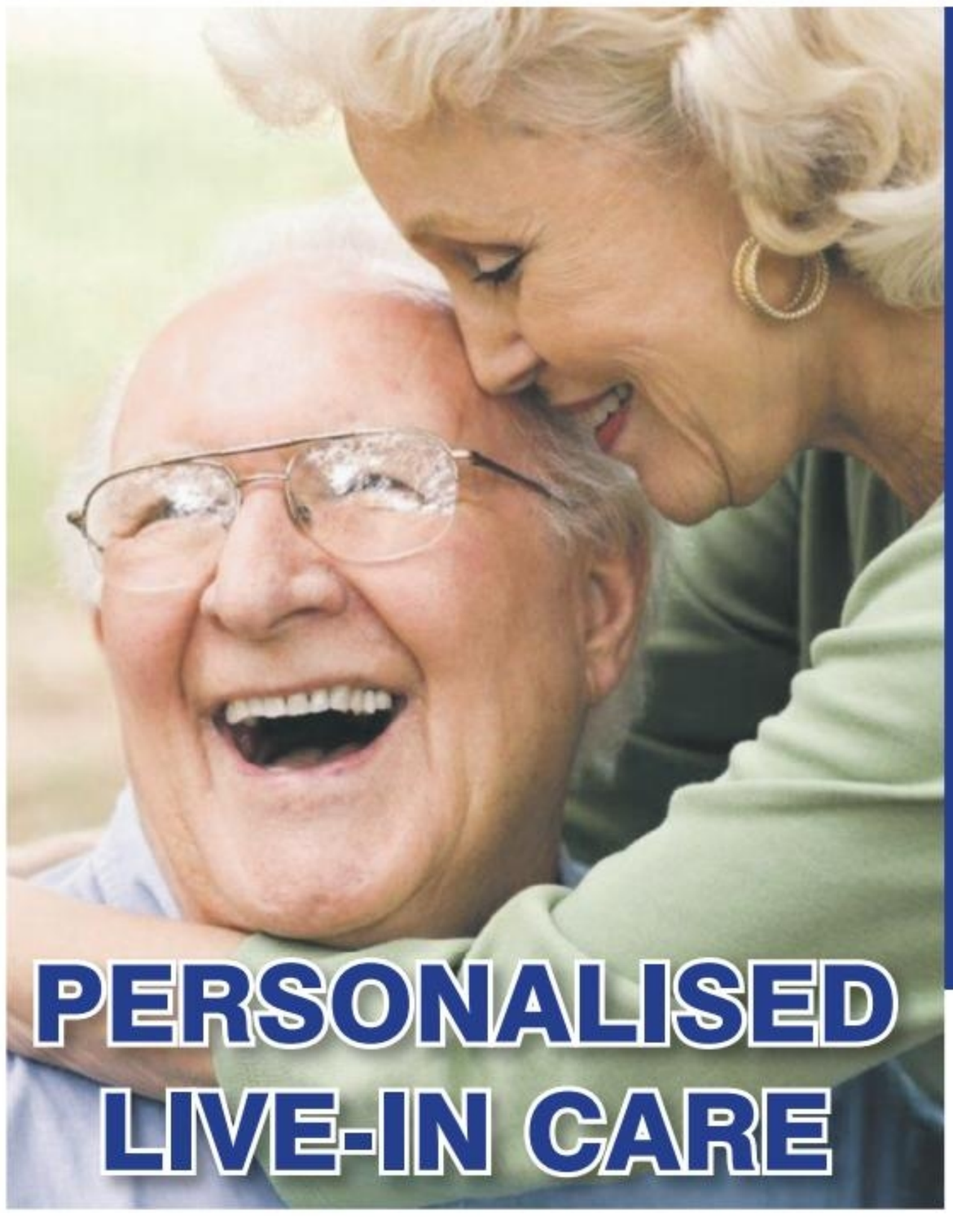

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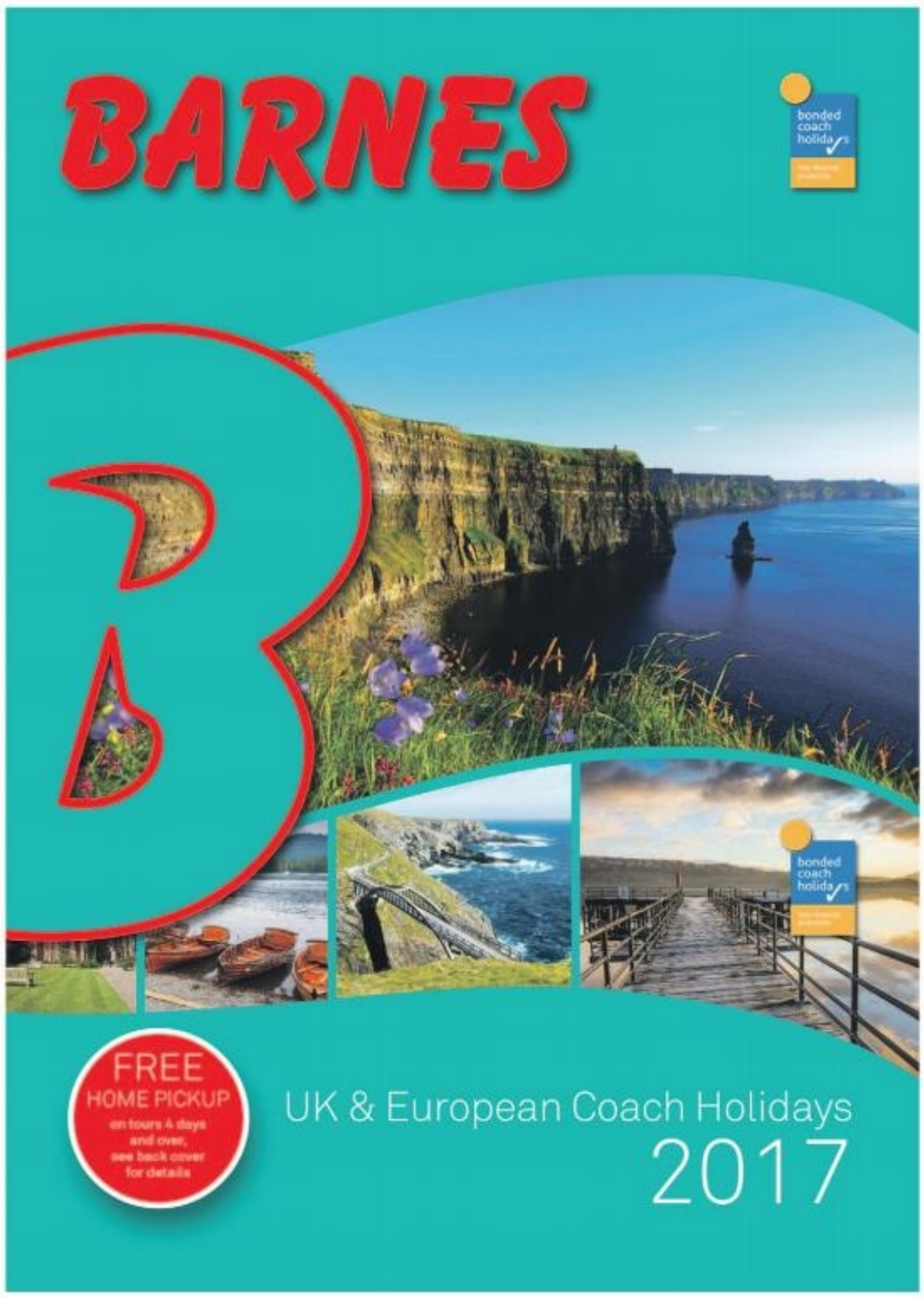

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7 Set free (7)
8 Tile (7)
9 Circles (5)
10 Characteristic (9)
12 Relative (3)
13 Rend (4)
15 Member of legislative group (7)
17 Ocean movement (4)
19 Snare (3)
21 Covered with swellings (9)
22 Make merry (5)
23 Tell (7)
24 Trips (7)
25 Pamper (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Cellar (8)
2 Alliances (6)
3 Sanitary science (7)
4 Frighten (5)
5 Drive (6)
6 Curves (4)
7 Sources (11)
11 Pry (4)
13 Large plant (4)
14 Most prepared (8)
16 Great Lake (7)
18 Consecrate (6)
20 Entertains (6)
21 Plain-spoken (5)
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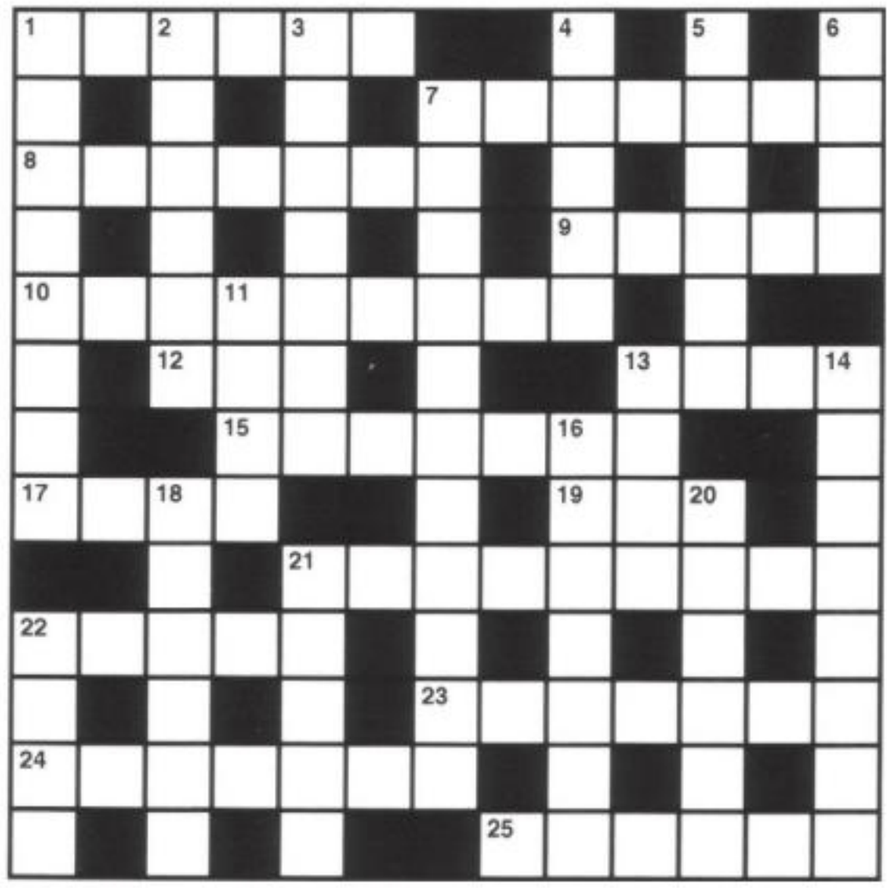
Cryptic Clues Across

1 Give joy by putting six in reckless surroundings (6)
7 The ultimate from the river, by the sound of it (7)
8 Respects the dirt in the commercials? (7)
9 Get to the stretch of water (5)
10 Care for the worker? At first, it's waiting (9)
12 Bend back a source of heat (3)
13 Seasonal plant (4)
15 Pause about jealousy (7)
17 Devours most of the animal foods (4)
19 Or holding a blade (3)
21 Carrying out the duties of a hangman (9)
22 Overlay the disguise (5)
23 Working to get one fish? (7)
24 Or is Sue otherwise solemn? (7)
25 Produces by degrees? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Concerning the present age, can it be interesting to peruse? (8)
2 Leaves out five at the beginning, and is sick (6)
3 Unusual to wander under the road (7)
4 Begin to find a loose woman below the initial surface (5)
5 Tell how it could connect? (6)
6 Noah's son could be in such a trap (4)
7 Recent maps to the south show diffs (11)
11 Organs in the cornfields (4)
13 High temperature in the Atlantic (4)
14 Misses the luggage? (8)
16 Voyager who might solicit a rising man to come inside (7)
18 The vet ran out to the hotel (6)
20 I'd be in the ring on horseback (6)
21 Sin or make a mistake (5)
22 Have all the actors a squint? (4)



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EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

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This week's solutions

7	9	2	5	8	3	1	4	6
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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Bought 7 Deliver 8 Shingle 9 Rings 10 Mannerism 12 Son 13 Tear 15 Senator 17 Tide 19 Net 21 Blistered 22 Revel 23 Narrate 24 Outings 25 Cosset

Down: 1 Basement 2 Unions 3 Hygiene 4 Alarm 5 Avenue 6 Arcs 7 Derivations 11 Nose 13 Tree 14 Readiest 16 Ontario 18 Devote 20 Treats 21 Blunt 22 Roof

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Ravish 7 Extreme 8 Admires 9 Reach 10 Attendant 12 Sag 13 Herb 15 Respite 17 Eats 19 Oar 21 Executing 22 Cover 23 Tolling 24 Serious 25 Stages

Down: 1 Readable 2 Vomits 3 Strange 4 Start 5 Relate 6 Mesh 7 Escarpments 11 Ears 13 Heat 14 Baggages 16 Tourist 18 Tavern 20 Riding 21 Error 22 Cast

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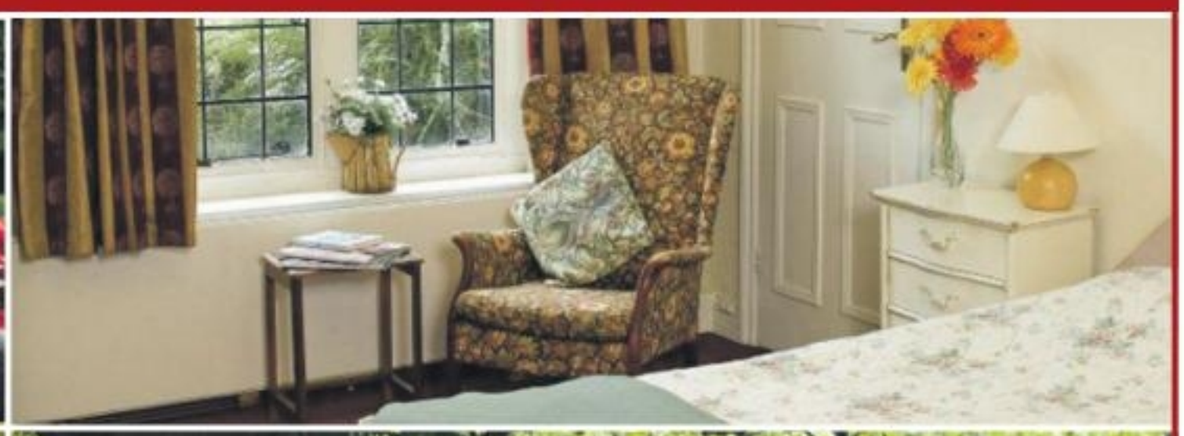

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DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Six Nations Preview** (S) **2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** Scotland v Ireland (kick-off 2.25pm). (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.30 BBC News** (S) **5.40 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.50 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R) **6.40 Let It Shine** (S)

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8.25 Casualty The morning of Charlie's wedding arrives, but Cal and Ethan seem to have lost him. (S)

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9.15 Taboo James Delaney is blackmailed into accepting a deadly mission, while his brother-in-law Thorne pushes his seething jealousy into a vicious and spiritual realm. (S)

10

10.15 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches. (S)

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AFTER 12

12.00 The NFL Show (S) **12.35 FILM Disconnect (2012) (15)** Ensemble drama, starring Jason Bateman. (S) **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.50 FILM Lady Luck (1946) (U) (S) **8.25 FILM School for Scoundrels (1960) (U)** (S) **10.00 Britain's Secret Seas** (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 A Cook Abroad: Dave Myers' Egypt** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM The Importance of Being Earnest (2002) (U)** (S) **2.30 Natural World** (S)(R) **3.30 The World's Most Extraordinary Homes** (S)(R) **4.30 Mastermind** (S)(R) **5.00 University Challenge** (S)(R) **5.30 Only Connect** (S)(R) **6.00 Live Davis Cup Tennis** (S)

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8.30 Dad's Army Corporal Jones's fitness to serve is tested. (S)(R)

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9.00 QI XL Extended episode, with Alan Davies, Lucy Porter, Frankie Boyle and Ross Noble. (S)
9.45 FILM The Falling (2014) (15) Premiere. Drama, starring Maisie Williams and Maxine Peake. (S)

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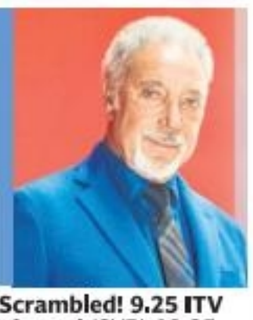
11.25 FILM Julie & Julia (2009) (12) Biopic of 1960s American chef Julia Child and modern-day blogger Julie Powell. With Meryl Streep and Amy Adams. (S)

AFTER 12

1.20 FILM In Darkness (2011) (15) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Robert Wieckiewicz. **3.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV



6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Rebound** (S)(R) **10.25 Guess This House** (S)(R) **11.25 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.40 River Monsters** (S)(R) **1.10 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.15 Dance Dance Dance** (S)(R) **3.45 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **3.55 ITV News** (S) **4.10 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** England v France (Kick-off 4.50pm). (S)

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7.00 Ninja Warrior UK Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge. (S)

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8.00 The Voice UK The Blind Audition phase continues into its fifth week, as the coaches hunt for the nation's next singing superstar. (S)

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9.30 Through the Keyhole Cold Feet actor John Thomson, Coronation Street star Kym Marsh and presenter Stephen Mulhern try to guess which stars' homes Keith Lemon has invaded. (S)

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10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.45 FILM The Bourne Supremacy (2004) (12) Action thriller sequel, with Matt Damon and Brian Cox. (S)

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AFTER 12

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.20 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.50 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.50 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast** (S)(R) **12.55 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **3.25 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S)(R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **5.30 Grand Designs** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

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7.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages Penelope visits North Yorkshire, to take in Cracoe, the village featured in the film Calendar Girls. (S)(R)

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8.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales embark on a journey into their pasts via the Leeds and Liverpool Canan. (S)(R)

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9.00 FILM A Million Ways to Die in the West (2014) (15) Premiere. A timid farmer tries to become a gunslinging Wild West hero. Western spoof, directed by and starring Seth MacFarlane. (S)

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11.15 FILM Van Helsing (2004) (12) Gothic action adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Beckinsale. (S)

AFTER 12

1.40 The Last Leg (S)(R) **2.35** Hollyoaks (S) **4.45** Win It Cook It (S)(R) **5.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 FILM Kelly's Heroes (1970) (PG)** Second World War adventure, starring Clint Eastwood. (S) **1.10 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **3.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **5.10 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** A Yorkshire landlord calls in eviction specialists. (S)(R) **6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R)

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7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles A naval seaman and an arms dealer are found dead. (S)

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8.00 NCIS Armed men storm a pharmaceutical lab. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

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9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Action from the latest fixtures, which included Bristol City v Rotherham United, Ipswich Town v Reading, and Nottingham Forest v Aston Villa.

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10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush The latest matches from Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 Britain's Biggest Armed Robbery The Brinks Mat heist of 1983. (S)

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11.30 Police Interceptors: Takedown An illegal driver sees red when his car is seized. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Celebrity Botched Up Bodies (S)(R) **4.00** My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.20** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 The Hot Desk: Louisa Johnson **6.10** Emmerdale **8.50** Coronation Street **11.20** Ninja Warrior UK **12.20** Take Me Out **1.25** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.50** FILM: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Drama, starring Briana Evigan. **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55** FILM: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Concluded. **3.55** FILM: Inspector Gadget (1999) (U) Disney comedy adventure, starring Matthew Broderick. **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00** FILM: Inspector Gadget (1999) (U) Concluded. **5.30** FILM: Snow Dogs (2002) (PG) Comedy, starring Cuba Gooding Jr. **6.30** FYI Daily **6.35** FILM: Snow Dogs (2002) (PG) Concluded. **7.35** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. **8.35** FYI Daily **8.40** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Concluded. **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **12.55** FILM: Run Fat Boy Run (2007) (12) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.05** FILM: Run Fat Boy Run (2007) (12) **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **8.50** FILM: Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. **10.55** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) Comedy, with Bernard Cribbins. **11.55** FYI Daily **12.00** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) Concluded. **12.45** Lewis **2.50** Wycliffe **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Blue Murder **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Timeshift: Magnificent Machines – The Golden Age of the British Sports Car **8.00** Treasures of the Indus **9.00** Attenborough and the Giant Egg **10.00** The Young Montalbano **11.45** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.50** Robert Plant @ Glastonbury **2.00** The Rolling Stones at the BBC **2.45** Jeff Lynne's ELO in Concert **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Young & Hungry **6.45** Black-ish **7.35** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Melissa & Joey **9.30** Baby Daddy **10.30** Young & Hungry **11.30** FILM: Hop (2011) (U) Part-animated comedy, starring James Marsden. **1.30** The Goldbergs **3.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **9.00** FILM: X-Men (2000) (12) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **11.00** Gogglebox **12.40** The Inbetweeners **1.50** Chewing Gum **2.25** Virtually Famous **3.05** The Inbetweeners **4.00** Rude Tube **4.25** Revenge **5.05** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me **11.35** Homes by the Sea **12.35** Location, Location, Location **1.40** Coast vs Country **2.45** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **7.55** Cleopatra's Lost Tomb **9.00** Richard III: The Unseen Story **10.00** Richard III: The Princes in the Tower **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats: More Best Bits **1.00** Richard III: The New Evidence **2.05** 24 Hours in A&E **3.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Millions (2004) (12) Comedy drama, starring Alex Etel. **1.00** Carry On Nurse (1959) (PG) Comedy, starring Hattie Jacques. **2.45** The Borrowers (1997) (U) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman. **4.25** Von Ryan's Express (1965) (PG) Second World War action adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. **6.45** Tower Heist (2011) (12) Crime comedy, with Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. **9.00** A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) (12) Action adventure sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **10.55** Resident Evil: Extinction (2007) (15) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Milla Jovovich. **12.45** District 9 (2009) (15) Sci-fi drama, starring Sharlto Copley. **3.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 MegaTruckers **8.00** Deadliest Pests Down Under **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **12.00** Traffic Cops **1.00** Top Gear **2.00** QI XL **4.00** Storage Hunters UK **7.00** Not Going Out **9.40** Mock the Week **11.00** FILM: The Last Samurai (2003) (15) Historical adventure, starring Tom Cruise. **2.00** Ross Noble: Freewheeling **3.00** Suits **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Tenko **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** Tenko **5.00** One Foot in the Grave **7.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **8.00** Jonathan Creek **9.00** Wallander **11.00** Waking the Dead **1.30** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **2.30** The Mrs Bradley Mysteries **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Big Town Dance **7.00** Monkey Business **8.00** The Big Spell **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** What's Up **12.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2017 **1.00** Futurama **2.30** Modern Family **5.00** Supergirl **6.00** The Flash **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **9.00** FILM: Beverly Hills Cop (1984) (15) Comedy thriller, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **12.00** Arrow **1.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **2.00** Police Force: Australia **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The West Wing **11.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **2.00** Making Attenborough's Galapagos **3.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** FILM: Grosse Pointe Blank (1997) (15) Black comedy drama, starring John Cusack. **11.05** Hello Ladies: The Movie **12.35** Quincy Jones: Burning The Light **1.45** Real Time with Bill Maher **3.00** Funny or Die Presents **4.05** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.10 Resurrection **7.00** Million Dollar Intern **8.00** The Bill **1.00** EastEnders **3.00** Bin There, Dump That **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **6.00** My Family **8.00** Inside the Ambulance **9.00** FILM: V for Vendetta (2005) (15) Futuristic action thriller, with Natalie Portman. **11.40** Russell Howard's Good News **12.20** Bondi Rescue **12.55** The Strain **1.45** World's Most Talented **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Cheers **7.50** Blandings **9.10** To the Manor Born **10.30** Last of the Summer Wine **12.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.00** We Have Been Watching **9.00** The Royle Family **11.00** Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle **12.20** Rowan Atkinson Live **1.20** FILM: Bill Hicks – It's Just a Ride (1994) (18) **2.20** Stella Street **2.40** Nighty Night **3.10** Harry Enfield and Chums **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Premier League Legends **8.00** Football Gold **8.30** Premier League Preview **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Chelsea v Arsenal (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** Live EFL. Nottingham Forest v Aston Villa (kick-off 5.30pm). Coverage of the Championship clash from the City Ground. **8.00** EFL Goals **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights

Sunday February 5th

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.25 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 The Big Questions** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.15 Wanted Down Under** (S)(R) **2.45 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.30 Songs of Praise** (S) **4.05 Spy in the Wild** (S)(R) **6.05 BBC News** (S) **6.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 Countryfile** (S)

7.30 Still Open All Hours Granville opens a delivery point for internet shopping. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 Call the Midwife The government plans to close down small hospitals in favour of larger establishments. (S)

9.00 Apple Tree Yard Yvonne is arrested for murder. She soon comes to realise that everything Costley told her was a lie – and that he is the only person who can keep her out of prison. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Including highlights of Leicester City v Manchester United. (S)

11.20 NFL Live: Super Bowl 51 New England Patriots v Atlanta Falcons (kick-off 11.30pm). Coverage of the showpiece match. (S)

AFTER 12

4.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **4.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.00 A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **6.45 Big Dreams Small Spaces** (S)(R) **7.45 An Island Parish: Anguilla** (S)(R) **8.15 The Edible Garden** (S)(R) **8.45 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day** (S)(R) **11.45 Nigellissima** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Live Netball** (S) **2.45 Nitro Athletics: Usain Bolt Takes on the World** (S) **3.45 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **4.30 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.15 Ski Sunday** (S) **6.00 Six Nations Rugby Union** (S)

7.00 City in the Sky Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry examine the process of bringing a plane safely to the ground. Last in the series. (S)(R)

8.00 Dragons' Den The panel assess the profit-making potential of a plan for teaching children languages and a range of soup. (S)

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week The contestants are trained by a Polish military officer, whose methods include forcing exhausted recruits to do origami. (S)

10.00 Live at the Apollo Stand-up comedy with Josh Widdicombe and Celia Pacquola. (S)(R)
10.45 Women's Six Nations Highlights Action from the opening round of fixtures. (S)

11.15 Davis Cup Tennis Canada v Great Britain. Sue Barker presents action from the concluding singles rubbers. (S)

12.45 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **1.45** Holby City (S)(R) **2.45** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 Countrywise: Guide to Britain (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **10.55 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) **11.25 The Voice UK** (S)(R) **12.55 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** (S) **4.15 The Chase** (S)(R) **5.15 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 Dance Dance Dance** Alesha Dixon and Will Best host the semi-final. (S)

8.00 Lion Country: Night and Day New series. Cameras follow two prides of lions in their territory of Zambia's South Luangwa National Park. (S)

9.00 The Good Karma Hospital New series. Medical drama about a junior doctor who leaves the UK to start a new life in South India. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (S)(R)

11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights David Flatman and Andy Goode present action from the fourth round of pool fixtures. (S)

12.20 Jackpot247 3.00 Chopping Block (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.10 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **7.55 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** (S)(R) **1.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **3.00 FILM Step Up All In (2014) (PG)** Premiere. Dance drama, starring Ryan Guzman. (S) **5.15 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.45 FILM Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U)** (S)

7.30 The Jump New series. Davina McCall presents the celebrity winter sport show, with 14 famous faces competing in dangerous challenges. (S)

9.00 Homeland Saul ventures to Abu Dhabi, Carrie is forced to deliver bad news, and Quinn suspects something is amiss. (S)

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz. (S)(R)

11.00 FILM Magic Mike (2012) (15) Comedy drama, starring Channing Tatum and Matthew McConaughey. (S)

1.10 How to Lose Weight Well (S)(R) **2.05** Britain's Billionaire Immigrants (S)(R) **3.00** Your Face Says It All (S)(R) **3.55** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R) **4.10** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **5.05** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 Benefit House: Me & My 26 Kids** (S)(R) **1.00 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole** (S)(R) **3.00 FILM Leap Year (2010) (PG)** (S) **4.50 FILM Around the World in 80 Days (2004) (PG)** Comedy adventure, starring Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan. (S)

7.05 FILM Jackie Chan's The Medallion (2003) (PG) Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan and Lee Evans. Includes 5 News Update at 8.05pm. (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 When Live TV Goes Horribly Wrong Memorable on-air hitches, including Sarah Cawood recalling the time The National Lottery Jetset studio was invaded by protestors. (S)

12.05 Celebrity Botched Up Bodies (S)(R) **1.00** SuperCasino **3.10** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink (S)(R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **6.25** Emmerdale **9.00** The Voice UK **10.30** Coronation Street **1.00** 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.40** 2Awesome: Fame High **2.00** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.30** 2Awesome: LA Story **2.50** FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman. **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) Concluded. **4.40** FILM: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) (U) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** FILM: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) (U) Concluded. **7.00** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) God recruits a politician to build an ark and save the world's animals from an impending cataclysm. Comedy sequel to Bruce Almighty, starring Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman. **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Concluded. **9.00** Ibiza Weekender XXL **10.30** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.25** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) Comedy, with Bernard Cribbins. **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) Concluded. **8.20** Heartbeat **10.30** Murder, She Wrote **12.35** FILM: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Ian McShane. **2.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.50** Wycliffe **5.55** This Time Next Year **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** FILM: Captain Corelli's Mandolin (2001) (15) Second World War romantic drama, starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz. **11.30** FYI Daily **11.35** FILM: Captain Corelli's Mandolin (2001) (15) Concluded. **1.05** A Touch of Frost **2.50** Wycliffe **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.25** On the Buses **5.55** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Hidden Killers of the Victorian Home **8.00** British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley **9.00** Darcey Bussell: Looking for Margot **10.00** FILM: The Past (2013) (12) Premiere. Drama, starring Ali Mosaffa. **12.05** Legends of the Deep: Deep Sea Sharks **1.00** Legends of the Deep: Giant Squid **1.45** Horizon: The Power of the Placebo **2.45** Darcey Bussell: Looking for Margot **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 How I Met Your Mother **6.25** Young & Hungry **7.05** Melissa & Joey **8.00** Baby Daddy **8.55** Hollyoaks **11.30** Coach Trip: Road to Marbs **2.10** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.25** FILM: Battleship (2012) (12) American naval vessels go into battle against an invading fleet of powerful alien spaceships. Sci-fi adventure, with Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson and Alexander Skarsgard. **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. A new director takes charge of SHIELD. **10.00** FILM: This Means War (2012) (12) Comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon. **12.00** Tattoo Fixers **1.05** Gogglebox **2.10** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.00** Rude Tube **3.25** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.30** Food Unwrapped **9.55** Car SOS **10.55** Building the Dream **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **7.55** Car SOS **9.00** Father Ted **10.00** Alan Carr: Yap, Yap, Yap! **11.10** The Big Fat Quiz of Everything **12.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.50** Father Ted **2.55** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 City of Ember (2008) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan. **1.00** Carry On Constable (1960) (U) Comedy, starring Sid James. **2.40** Bandslam (2009) (PG) Musical, starring Aly Michalka. **4.50** The Jewel of the Nile (1985) (PG) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. **7.00** Turner & Hooch (1989) (PG) Family canine comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **9.00** The Purge: Anarchy (2014) (15) Horror sequel, starring Frank Grillo. **11.05** Whiteout (2009) (15) Thriller, starring Kate Beckinsale. **1.10** Viva Riva! (2010) (15) Crime drama, starring Patsha Bay. **3.10** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.15 Flip Men **7.40** Top Gear: Burma Special **10.20** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **11.20** Traffic Cops **12.20** Jay Leno's Garage **2.20** Top Gear **5.20** Red Bull Soapbox Race **6.20** Top Gear: Burma Special **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Suits **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Crackanory **12.40** Mock the Week **2.00** Suits **2.50** Ross Noble: Freewheeling **3.40** The Indestructibles **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 Home Shopping **7.10** New Tricks **8.00** The Bill **12.00** New Tricks **1.00** Our Mutual Friend **4.00** Catherine Cookson's The Cinder Path **7.00** New Tricks **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Spooks **1.15** Catherine Cookson's The Cinder Path **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Life **7.30** Futurama **9.00** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE Raw **12.00** Futurama **2.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** The Big Spell **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Freddie Down Under **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** The Force: Manchester **12.00** The Force: Essex **1.00** Air Ambulance ER **2.00** Police Force: Australia **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The West Wing **11.00** Without a Trace **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Fortitude **10.00** The Affair **11.10** True Detective **1.30** The Wire **4.00** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.10 Resurrection **7.00** Your Home in Their Hands **8.20** James Martin: Yorkshire's Finest **8.50** Nigellissima **9.20** MasterChef Junior USA **2.20** Doctor Who **4.20** My Family **6.20** Outnumbered **9.00** Celebrity Advice Bureau **10.00** Luther **11.20** Code Black **12.20** Bondi Rescue **12.50** The Strain **1.40** World's Most Talented **2.35** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Cheers **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** The Royle Family **11.00** The Thick of It **12.20** House of Fools **1.40** Rowan Atkinson Live **2.35** Nighty Night **3.05** Harry Enfield and Chums **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Manchester City v Swansea City (kick-off 1.30pm). **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Leicester City v Manchester United (kick-off 4.00pm). **7.00** EFL Goals. A round-up of recent matches. **7.30** Live La Liga Football. Celta Vigo v Real Madrid (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Live NFL Super Bowl LI. New England Patriots v Atlanta Falcons (kick-off 11.30pm). **3.00** Premier League Highlights. Manchester City v Swansea City. **5.00** Football's Greatest Players

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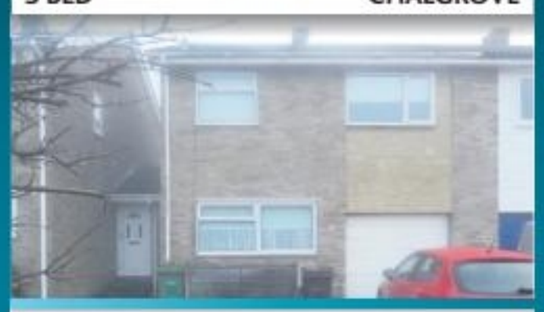

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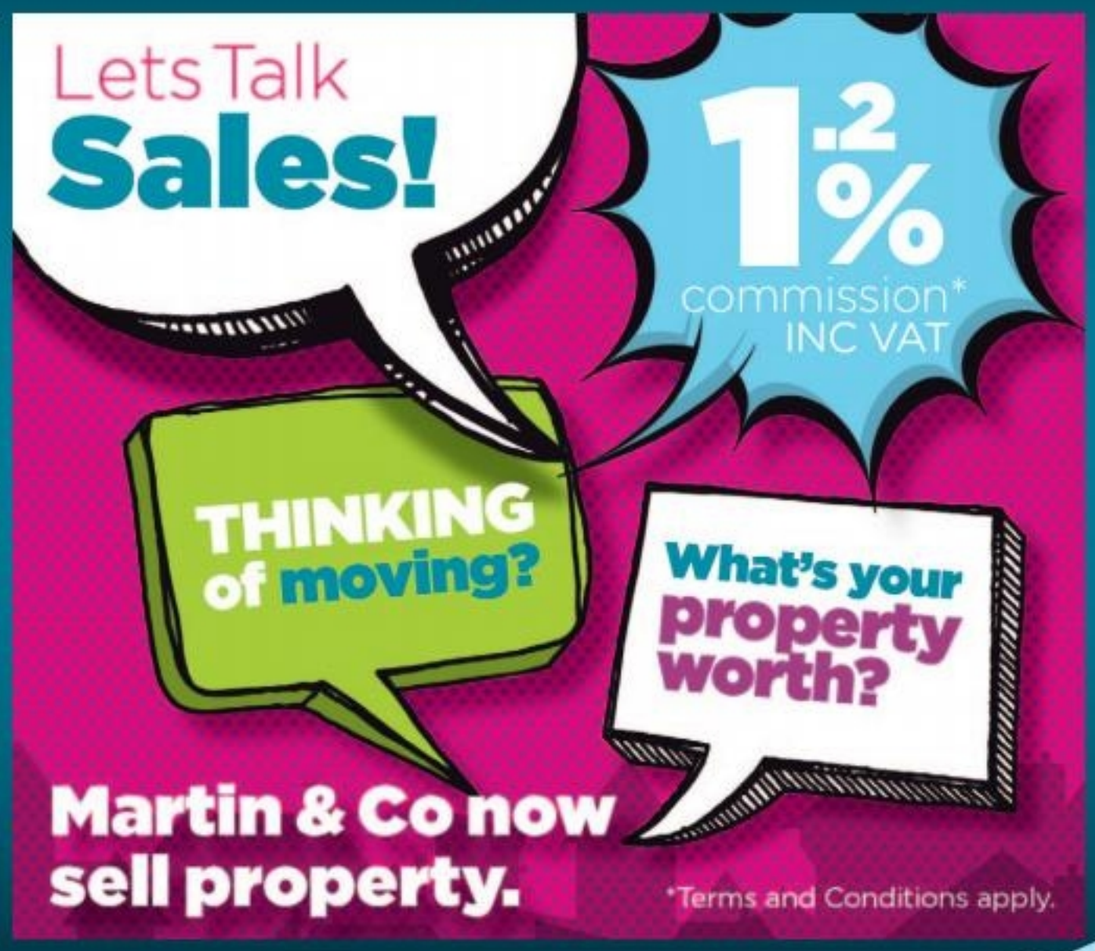

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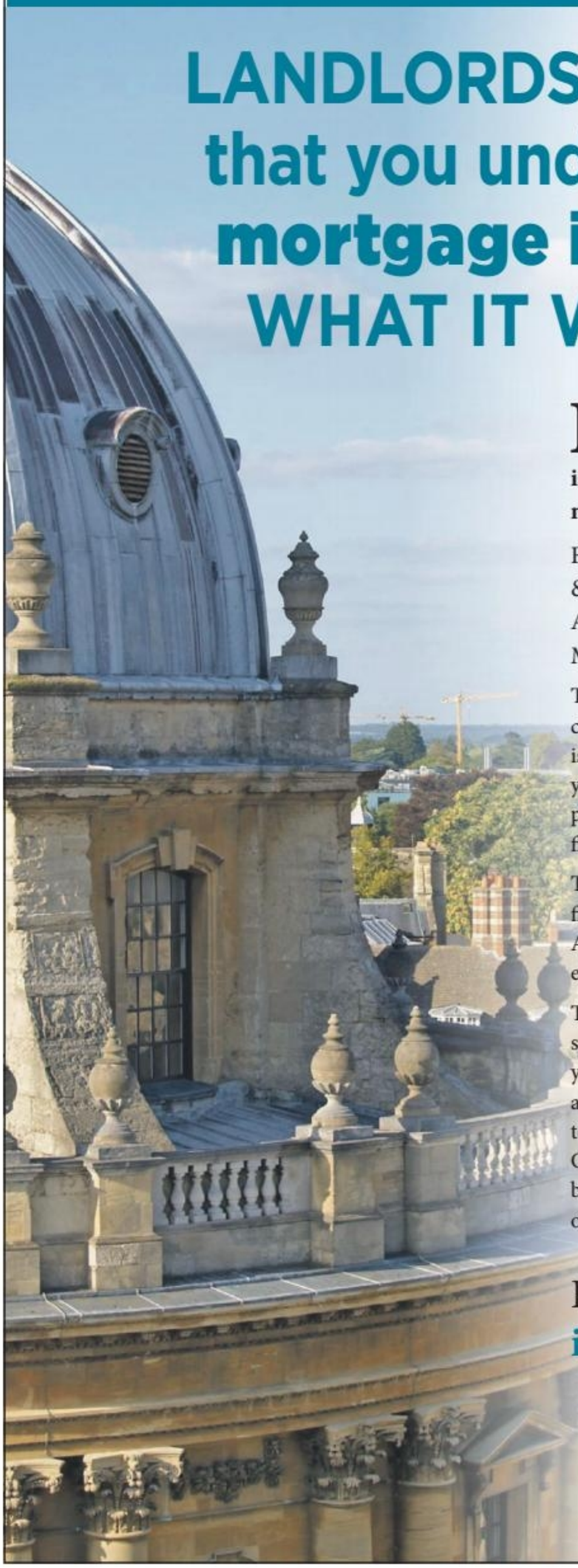

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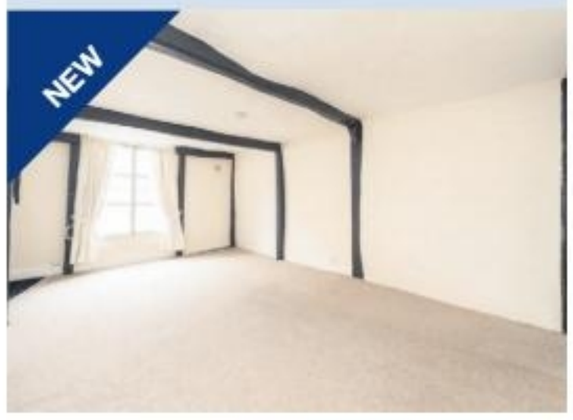

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OxfordPropertyBlog.co.uk is hosting a landlord seminar in Oxford next month

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

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Detached family home with five bedrooms in Abingdon

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Prince Grove is a cul de sac of similar size four and five bedroom homes. Built by Wates in the early 1990's, this is the largest design on the development and offers well proportioned accommodation.

Located just off Boulter Drive, within two miles of the town centre, the property falls within the Long Furlong Primary School Catchment area and is walking distance to the local medical centre and chemist.

The X3 bus route direct to Abingdon and Oxford City is just a two minute walk. The town centre benefits from a range of shops, pubs, restaurants and coffee shops.

For further information or to arrange a viewing, contact Simpsons of Abingdon on 01235 520079, or visit simpsonsproperty.com.

The pursuit of forever family homes in Oxford

With its outstanding schools and world class university, Oxford is perennially popular amongst families, keen to give their children the best start in life.

Inevitably, demand for family homes outweighs supply and, with Stamp Duty levies penalising homes priced over £1million, competition for large detached properties priced under this threshold is more acute than ever.

Mark Charter, partner at Carter Jonas Oxford, said: "Oxford has always been a hotspot for families, not least because of the high calibre of schools - both state and independent - that draw in pupils from far and wide.

"Irrespective of broader market conditions, there is consistent demand for three to five-bedroom homes and these often achieve prices in excess of £1million.

"We often advise applicants to act quickly when family homes come onto the market. A property might need some work and indeed might have extension potential, but it's important to approach each viewing with vision and an understanding of what the house could become. Needless to say that family homes don't languish in the Oxford market for long."

One example of a newly launched family house is 70 Blenheim Drive - a three-bedroom house located about a mile and a half north of the city centre, close to the popular Summertown area. The home sits in a generous plot with scope for further development.

70 Blenheim Drive is priced at £975,000.

For those in search of period charm, Fant Cottage is a five-bedroom cottage located in the peaceful hamlet of Garford, approximately 20 minutes' drive from the centre of Oxford. Dating back to the 17th century, the cottage has been extended over time and now offers flexible living accommodation – ideal for families.

Fant Cottage is priced at £965,000.

For more information on these properties and others in the area contact Carter Jonas Oxford on 01865 566547 or visit carterjonas.co.uk.

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Ladygrove OIEO £375,000

- Ladygrove Development
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- First Floor Apartment
- Allocated Parking
- Gas Central Heating

Central Abingdon £250,000

- Immaculate Condition Throughout
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Juliet Balcony
- Allocated Parking

Central Abingdon £320,000

- Close to Town Centre
- 3 Bedrooms
- Good Transport Links
- Fantastic Family Home
- Allocated Parking

North Abingdon £230,000

- North Abingdon Location
- Two Bedrooms
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- Allocated Parking Space
- Open-Plan Living Accommodation

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OPEN HOUSE OIRO £300,000

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- Driveway and Garage

North Abingdon OIRO £300,000

- 3 Bedrooms
- North Abingdon
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Greenwood Homes £340,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

This extended home has been meticulously improved by the current owner and is finished to a superb standard throughout. Set in a popular cul de sac and offering easy access to Bicester town centre all within Kings Meadow primary School Catchment.

Southwold £270,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

This much improved home benefits from a re-fitted kitchen and re-fitted bathroom as well as a garage. All within a mile of Bicester north Station.

Greenwood Homes £269,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

Situated on the sought after Greenwood Homes development a very well presented three bedroom mid terraced property with garage, significantly improved by current owners including a stylish fitted kitchen, luxury bathroom and landscaped front and rear gardens.

Launton £535,000

VILLAGE LOCATION

This extended home sits at the bottom of a cul de sac and enjoys stunning views over open fields. The property is well presented throughout and finished to a high standard.

Upper Heyford £425,000

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Kingsmere £425,000

MUST VIEW

IMPRESSIVE TOWN HOUSE
FOUR BEDROOMS
GARAGE
GARDENS
NO ABOVE CHAIN
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Langford Village £199,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

Ideal for first time buyers, this freehold 1 bedroom cluster home sits on the edge of Langford Lake and has the added benefit of a conservatory and drive way parking.

Bicester House £218,500

NEW PRICE

An impressive one double bedroom first floor apartment. Viewing is most highly recommended to appreciate the extensive Bicester House gardens.

Southwold £207,000

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EPC C
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Countryside Views
Village Location
No Onward Chain

Banbury £255,000

*EPC C
*Three Bedrooms
*Off Street Parking
*Rear Garden

Brackley £399,950

EPC D
Four BedroomsEnsuite to Master Bedroom
Two Reception Rooms
Integral Double Garage
Spacious Garden
Off Street Parking

Middle Barton £315,000

EPC C
Three Bedrooms
Linked Detached
Front & Rear Gardens
Village Location

Banbury £260,000

EPC C
Three Bedroom End Of Terrace
Shower Room Ensuite
Off Street Parking
Close to Station & Town Centre

Shutford £210,000

Two bedroom detached cottage with wooden beams and open fireplace. This grade two listed English Heritage property enjoys modern finishes to the kitchen and bathroom. The cosy lounge with wooden beams and open fireplace finish off the ground floor and all look out onto the secluded garden.

Banbury £150,000

EPC C
Two Bedroom
Ground Floor Apartment
Off Street Parking
Close To Town Centre
No Onward Chain

Fenny Compton £460,000

EPC C
Four Bedroom Detached House
Double Garage
Solar Panels
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Village Location

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HANWELL FIELDS

Lord Fielding Close £189,950

EPC Rating: B
Top Floor Apartment
Two Double Bedrooms
Ideal investment opportunity

Lapsley Drive £269,500

EPC Rating: C
Three Double bedrooms
Master bedroom with en-suite
Walking distance to local centre & Primary School

Sussex Drive £275,000

EPC Rating: C
Detached Family Home
South facing rear garden
Modern Kitchen
Rear aspect over trees

Ribston Close £279,950

EPC Rating: C
DETACHED Three Bedroom home
Large South facing Rear Garden
No Onward Chain

Malthouse Cottages £300,000

EPC Rating: C
Village Location
Three Bedroom Cottage
Spacious home with Ground floor extension

Thyme Close £325,000

EPC Rating: TBC
Good size three bedroom home
Popular design with Conservatory
Good size lounge & Kitchen/ dining room
NO CHAIN

Horsham Close £345,000

EPC Rating: E
Corner Plot
Open Plan Kitchen
Conservatory
Garage
Private Rear Garden

Westhorpe Mews, Byfield £374,950

EPC Rating: C
Built in 2013
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NO CHAIN

Membris Way OIEO £175,000

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EPC Rating: D
Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
Garage with Off-road Parking for Two Cars
Modern Kitchen Diner

Meldrum Court £180,000

Sold in the 6 Week Challenge

EPC Rating: E
End of Terrace
Re-fitted Kitchen with Granite Worksurfaces
NO CHAN

Forgeway £210,000

Sold in the 6 Week Challenge

EPC Rating: TBC
Three Bedrooms
Lounge with Dining area
Conservatory
Onward Chain complete.

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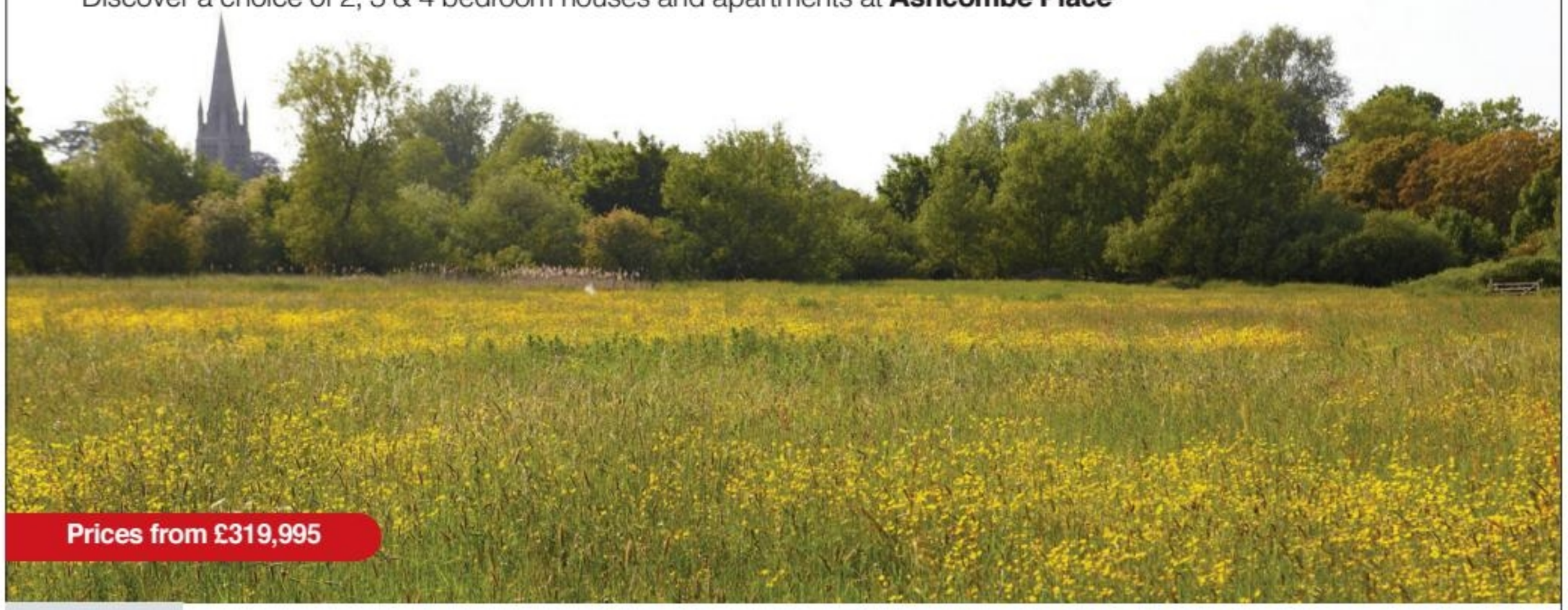

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Kennington OIRO £575,000

MODERNISED throughout this substantial detached bungalow sits on a larger than average plot. Rarely available to market, the property boasts a large kitchen and conservatory with reaching viewings over the generous garden.

EPC Rating: Awaited

Florence Park Offers over £500,000

Located in the sought after area of FLORENCE PARK, this EXTENDED and WELL PRESENTED family home. Accommodation offers four bedrooms plus upstairs bathroom and separate shower room. EPC Rating: D

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EXTENDED end terrace property presented to a HIGH STANDARD throughout. Offering an attractive family home with potential for further development (subject to planning). A good location on the local bus route with shops and amenities close by.

EPC Rating: D

Iffley £400,000

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This MODERN THREE BEDROOM end terrace is situated in the ever popular area of Iffley borders and is offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN. The property boasts off-road parking, a 22ft lounge/ dining room, fitted kitchen and downstairs cloakroom with 3 bedrooms, one with en-suite and bathroom upstairs.
EPC Rating: D

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Refurbished to let or be an ideal family home, this three bedroom property has potential to use the two separate reception rooms as a fourth let room. EPC Rating: C

Blackbird Leys £325,000

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EPC Rating: C

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Cowley/Headington £180,000

TWO BEDROOM FLAT beautifully designed for over 55's & offering 'Extra Care' on site. Great amenities within the development. 75% Shared Ownership.

EPC Rating: C

Littlemore £180,000

Conveniently situated one bedroom flat located close to local shops and has communal parking and gardens. No onward chain.

EPC Rating: E

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Yarnton **£60,000**

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Marston **£314,995**

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Yarnton **£155,000**

A fantastic development for the over 55's. A shared ownership (75% Share) apartment situated in the tranquil village of Yarnton. This development comprises of facilities such as: An in-house Restaurant, Hairdresser, Residents Lounge and Hobby Room.

Headington **OIRO £425,000**

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Headington **OIE £475,000**

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Tackley **£450,000**

With flexible accommodation over two floors this unique property is located in the sought after village of Tackley. A self contained annexe provides versatile accommodation that can be used as a separate flat or incorporated into the main house

Headington **OIRO £215,000**

Beautifully presented one bedroom ground floor flat with modern bathroom and fitted kitchen, this property would be ideal for investors and first time buyers. Book your viewing today.

Risinghurst **£475,000**

Available with no onward chain, this light, airy and spacious home is finished to a good standard. With balanced accommodation over two floors this property would make an ideal family home or investment opportunity.

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THAME

Brill £600,000

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Waterstock £700,000

Lovingly refurbished and maintained by its current owner, the property is offered for sale with; a "farmhouse" kitchen, two well proportioned reception rooms, feature fireplace, exposed beams, mature and enclosed gardens along with off street parking.

Chinnor £320,000

A well presented two bedroom semi-detached home, built by Taylor Wimpy Homes c. 3 years ago that would make an ideal first time purchase.

Long Crendon £375,000

This mature three bedroom detached family home offers spacious and airy accommodation and is centrally located within the popular village of Long Crendon. Prospective purchasers should note that no onward chain is involved and that the owners selling agents can strongly advise an early internal inspection.

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A four bedroom detached family home located in a small cul-de-sac of similar properties on this popular residential development. The property offers larger than average accommodation with separate reception rooms, full en-suite bathroom along with a south facing rear garden and a double width garage.

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This lovely family home has been newly extended and renovated to a high internal specification by a local builder, using local craftsmen and is offered for sale with no onward chain.

Chalgrove £425,000

A very well presented and well cared for four bedroom detached family home on the outskirts of this thriving Oxfordshire village. This lovely family home is offered for sale in pristine decorative order throughout having undergone a refurbishment only 4 years ago.

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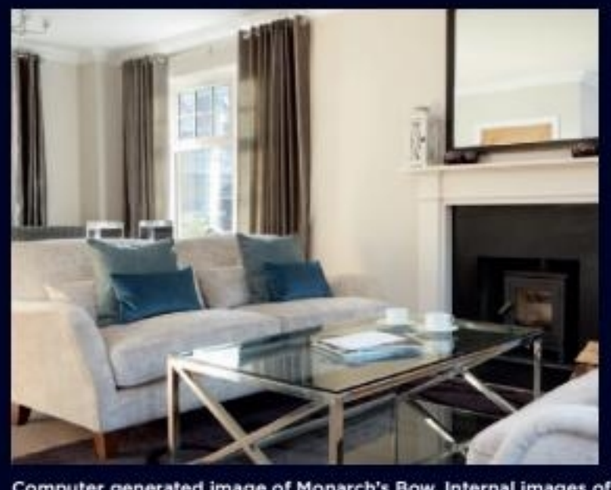

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Tribute act so good it's bad

By James Richings

HE might have died nearly eight years ago, but Michael Jackson's legacy will live on.

His iconic tracks spanned over four decades and have been played millions of times – MJ was one of a kind.

And if you never had the chance to the see the great man live, not to worry, as one of the world's leading Michael Jackson tribute acts will be at the New Theatre on Monday, February 13.

Portrayed by Ben Bowman, the musician will execute every MJ song and dance move to perfection, as he hopes to give the George Street venue a show to remember.

"I'm meticulous because I'm a huge fan of Michael Jackson as well," he told the Guardian.

"So whenever I perform, I've got to make sure that my hair is right, my hat is worn properly, my dance moves are perfect and so on – everything has to be fine tuned.

"I don't like saying the skies the limit as I like to go further than that as I want to improve on the skills that I've learnt and learn new ones.

"The thing with MJ is that you can watch the same dance move 1,000 times and still learn something new.

"He literally did everything, he was a dancer, singer, composer, writer, beatboxer, choreographer you name it.

Ben Bowman as Michael Jackson

"Yes, he was most probably the first manufactured pop star, but he in a way, manufactured himself.

"He just stunned people and I think that's what got people involved."

Ben has idolised the multi-award winning singer since an early age and admitted that when he started imitating the legendary musician, it was originally a hobby.

However, as time went by, more people were coming to see the shows and now in 2017, Jackson Live is regarded as one of the world's most successful Michael Jackson tribute acts.

The production focuses on Jackson's three world tours, Bad (1987 to 1989), Dangerous (1992 to 1993) and HIStory (1996 to 1997), where Ben will perform some of the most recognisable MJ tracks of all time.

And as well as thanking his mother, who took him to see the legend live at Wembley in the early 90s, Ben also revealed who gave him the encouragement to perform as the musician.

"It was one of my school friends Bethany Snow who encouraged me to do it," he said.

"One day she came up to me and said, 'how does his new song go?', I sang the song for a couple of seconds and she just went, 'woah! you sound just like him' and within those seconds, that's how it started.

"I was in college at the time doing a BTEC in Performing Arts when I thought, I will give this a go.

"I realised that I could make more money on the circuit as a tribute than acting in the West End so I decided to give it a whirl.

"Effectively, my hobby has turned into my job and now I'm touring the UK with live bands, dancers and it's turned into this amazing production which is pretty cool.

He added: "It did occur to me that I thought I wouldn't be able to do this for a job because at the time when I started, he wasn't really a fashionable artist.

"This was just before the 2003 trial and all that stuff and his album at the time hadn't done much.

"So it was a difficult time to launch it but it came apparent very quickly as people loved the music."

Tickets cost £26.50 and the show starts at 7.30pm.

Butterfly takes flight

A PRODUCTION about human equality and mental health issues will be performed at the Old Fire Station in Oxford next Thursday, February 9.

Written and directed by Vici Wreford-Sinnott, 'Butterfly' is a one-woman play starring Jacqueline Phillips, which focuses on tackling the stigma around mental health.

Vici believes the rawness of the show will leave a good impression with her audience, as Butterfly embarks on a country-wide tour.

Her latest production comes after her critically acclaimed 2015 ARC production of The Art of Not Getting Lost, which was partly based on Vici's own life experiences.

"Butterfly is a play about the history of stigma, and is never more relevant in today's climate, with figures rising all the time of those experiencing mental health distress," she said.

"This new piece tackles the stigma surrounding mental health head on and aims to set the record straight."It's important to speak out both about mental health conditions as there should be no shame, but also about the cuts in services which are severely impacting on peoples' lives."

The play starts at 7.30pm, tickets cost £10.

ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Brewing up a performance

By James Richings

The Brew (from left) Tim Smith, Kurtis Smith and Jason Barwick Picture: Tony Mottram

THEIR last two shows in the city have been memorable occasions and The Brew will be hoping for more success in Oxford next week.

The Grimsby-based band, made up of Tim Smith on the bass guitar and vocals, his son Kurtis on the drums and vocals and Jason Barwick on the lead guitar, play at The Bullingdon on Thursday, February 9.

Since forming in 2005, the three have gone on to achieve success all over Europe, have had sell out shows in the UK whilst gaining thousands of fans all over the continent.

And with the release of their latest album, 'Shake the Tree' at the end of last year, Tim says they have no intention of letting up with a tour which will see them take in Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Holland and Austria.

Tim revealed the inspiration for their latest album.

"It had been over two years since the release of our last album 'Control' (2014) and we were receiving many requests for a new album, so the inspiration was the fans," he said.

"We had many ideas but really needed to just find time from touring to sit down and get into the studio.

"The previous album received such acclaim that we were really excited to get back and build on that reputation."

The musicians have become regular faces on the European rock scene - especially in Germany – where they have gained many supporters.

After their performance at The Rockpalast Festival was broadcast across the country and beyond in 2009, the trio gained many German fans loving who enjoyed the group's enthusiastic and lively performance.

But with all the fans and the fun comes a downside, as Tim revealed.

"It is very difficult to break into the music industry as there are so many good bands out their and so much choice for the fans to see," he said.

"Initially there is virtually no money involved with it, so it becomes very difficult to sustain yourself.

"Luck plays a big part also, being in the right place at the right time really does make a big difference as that's how it all happened for us in Europe.

"We just happened to play in front of the right person at the right time.

"Then it seems to take on a life of its own, suddenly everybody is interested in you but you have to keep that momentum going that is also very difficult."

Tickets cost £10, doors open at 7pm.

One hip performer

MUSIC: Grime and hip-hip artist Loyle Carner will be at the O2 Academy in Oxford on Tuesday, February 7.

The musician, real name Benjamin Coyle-Larner, will perform tunes off his debut Yesterday's Gone at the Cowley Road venue.

Tickets cost £17.43 and the gig starts at 7pm.

The owl said what?

THEATRE: The family fun show Wow! Said the Owl will be at the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Sunday, February 5.

A curious little owl is determined to stay awake to see what daylight brings in this adaptation of the book by Tim Hopgood.

It starts at 11am and 2pm and it costs £8.

Cornish sounds

MUSIC: Cornwall-based band Dalla will be at the Unicorn Theatre in Abingdon next Thursday, February 9.

Made up of Hilary Coleman, Neil Davey, Bec Applebee and Jen Dyer, the foursome will perform tunes off their five studio albums, which includes tracks off their latest, K5.

Doors open at 7pm, tickets £14.

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Rhys is waking up to success

By James Richings

SINGER-SONGWRITER Rhys Lewis is optimistic about his future.

Following the release of his debut single, 'Waking Up Without You' at the end of last year, the track has achieved an incredible 700,000 streams on Spotify.

And he hopes he can gain more fans on Thursday, February 9, when he arrives at The Cellar in Oxford.

When seeing the amount of streams on his debut track, Rhys told the Guardian: "It was a real surprise!

"It's the first thing I've released under my own name so it felt great to actually have some music out.

"I was nervous and excited to see how people would react to it, so it felt amazing when the song started to get some love and attention on Spotify, and to know that the emotion of the song has resonated with other people meant a lot.

"I put so much time into writing my lyrics and they are always very personal, so when you get to play to an audience that you can tell are listening to every word it's a real privilege.

"You know that the story of the song has come across and hopefully it's made more of an impact.

"And I think the more engaged an audience is with a gig, the more engaged you have to be as a performer to deliver every word with conviction.

"So I find it inspiring to play for a great crowd."

Despite not being a household name just yet, Rhys has already performed at some of the UK's most notorious festivals and concerts.

Most notably at last year's British Summertime Ball at Hyde Park, where the musician performed on the main stage in front of 12,000 people.

The experience of performing live and the success of his inaugural single has given Rhys the encouragement that his career will go far.

And with gigs in Germany after his Oxford visit, Rhys insists that keeping his head down and improving his craft will help him make the big time.

The singer will have one more show in the UK before heading abroad.

"It's incredibly difficult as a new artist trying to 'break through' simply because there as so many great artists trying to do the same," he said.

"It's hard to know what to focus your efforts on - should you be writing? Should you be gigging? Should you be promoting yourself more on social media?

"The answer is yes to all of them, so it's basically a full-time job and takes a lot of energy. So staying motivated and finding time to do all of that is a real challenge for up-and coming-artists.

"But I think if you focus on the music first, make something that you're excited and passionate about then hopefully the rest will fall into place more easily."

It starts at 7pm and tickets start from £6.

• *Rhys Lewis will be in Oxford on Thursday, February 9*

Space show

THEATRE: A production about the solar system will be performed at the Oxford Playhouse on Friday, February 10.

600 People, which will be put on by Third Angel Theatre Company.

The show about a group of humans who want to step into the universe to discover the undiscovered has been described as a mixture between stand up comedy and as a astrophysics lecture.

Suitable for over 12s, tickets cost £7 and it starts at 5pm.

Enjoy a magic night

MAGIC: Britain's Got Talent runner up Jamie Raven will be at the New Theatre on Monday, February 6.

The 33-year-old arrives at the George Street venue as part of his UK tour. Tickets cost £25.15 and it starts at 7.30pm.

Catch up with Bridget

FILM: The latest Bridget Jones film will be screened at The Beacon in Wantage on Friday, February 3.

'Bridget Jones' Baby' stars Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth and Patrick Dempsey, with Bridget not knowing who is the father of her baby.

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The band brings together the multi-talented Neil Davey on bouzouki and fiddle, the expressive clarinet and magic voice of Hilary Coleman who sings in Cornish and English, solid percussion and weaving vocal harmonies of Bec Applebee and the driving rhythm of Jen Dyer's viola.

Fri, Feb 10, 7pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
600 PEOPLE
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Sat, Feb 11, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
ROY WOOD
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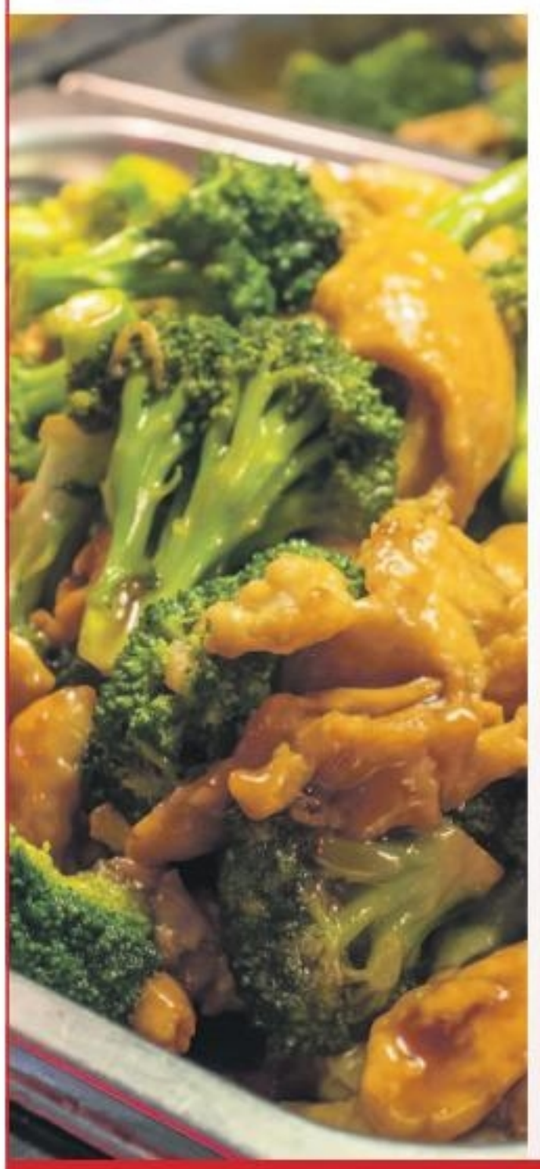

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Porsche 911 Turbo

I'M going to be honest here – I am not a big Porsche fan – but the 911 Turbo is a fantastic car. So first off - here are some stats; 3.8 litre twin turbo horizontally opposed engine that sits at the rear and produces 397 kW (540 hp) and a maximum torque of 710 Nm. 0 to 62 mph comes up in 3.0 seconds (with launch control) and a on a race track you will reach a max top speed of 198 mph.

Now I have your full attention I will begin...

Design: The new 911 Turbo is one of the best looking in the range and it has this ability to appeal to a person's heart as well as their heads. I said I was not a Porsche fan – but if I am honest, I can't stop looking at it because it is such a stunning looking machine.

Yes the 911 has been around as long as the beginning of time – but then Porsche have an ability to take a design that let's face it, has had many incarnations over many years - and then refine it until it is simply staggering.

At the front you will find an all new front section which has the addition of LED headlights and 4 point daytime running lights as standard specification on all models. Then, at the rear you will find the elegantly designed three dimensional taillights and powerfully shaped twin tailpipes that you tend to find nailed to the back of NASA Rocket.

On the inside: The interior is just as dynamic as the exterior. Sitting inside a modern Porsche is just as good as it has always been. This is a driver focused car - everything is in the right place and placed perfectly at the drivers fingertips. Nothing for me in here is out of place or fussy.

As standard the Turbo also comes with plenty of equipment, including dual-zone climate, heated windscreen washer jets, electric sports seats and a media system that features integrated sat-nav, USB, Internet functions and a whole host of things to keep you happy for hours if not weeks.

Chassis: The chassis of the 911Turbo is epic – there is no other word to describe it. The smooth high speed manoeuvrability of the 911 is the icing on your auntie's sponge cake when it comes to having a lot of fun with a car that basically has a very large engine hanging out the back. Also, being a 911 it has exceptional levels of stability and cornering agility thanks to those Porsche engineers and those large 20 inch wheels which all help in playing their part in keeping the 911 firmly planted onto the tarmac.

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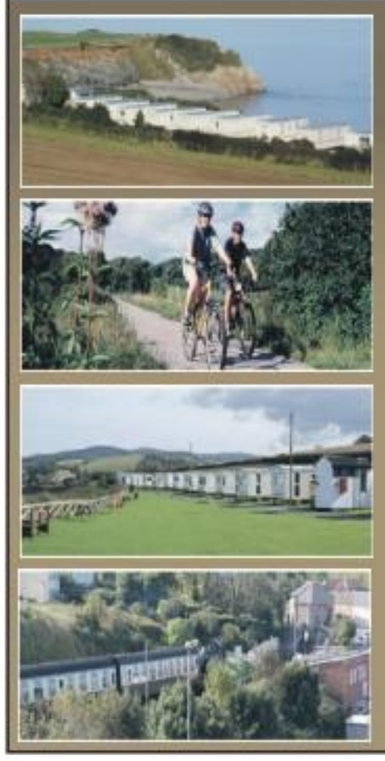

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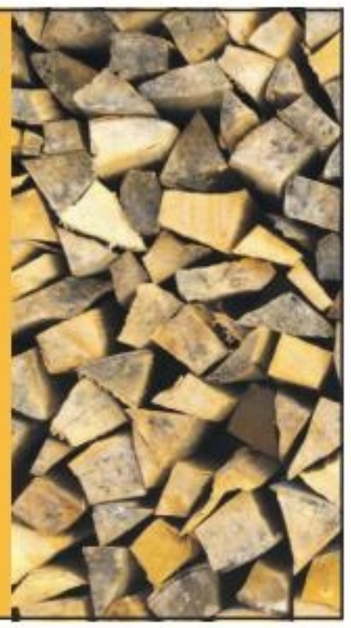

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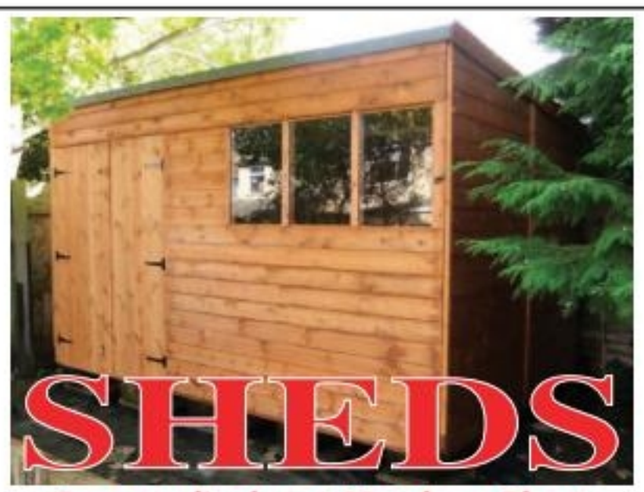

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No buyer found as Manor F1 collapses, 200 lose their jobs

By Adam Flinn

BANBURY-BASED Formula One team Manor has folded, with around 200 staff being made redundant.

The operating company behind the team, Just Racing Services Limited (JRSL) ceased trading last Friday – having gone into administration earlier in January – when no buyer could be found.

It employed 212 staff, with all but a few being made redundant on Tuesday. All staff were paid up until the end of January.

Administrators FRP Advisory had been trying to find a buyer for JRSL, but no investment was secured to allow the company to continue.

Joint administrator Geoff Rowley said: "It is deeply regrettable that the team has had to cease trading and close its doors. Manor is a great name in British motorsport and the team has achieved a great deal over the past two years, invigorated under new ownership.

"Operating and running an F1 team to the high standards demanded however requires significant ongoing investment.

"JRSL was put into administration at the start of January shortly after attempts to sell the business fell through at the last hurdle. We would like to thank all the staff for their support and professionalism during this difficult process."

Manor started in F1 in 2010 as Virgin Racing, before becoming Marussia in 2011. The team scored their first points when Jules Bianchi finished ninth at the 2014 Monaco Grand Prix, just months before a horrific accident in Japan left him in a coma – he then died the following summer.

Marussia went into administration late in 2014 but was taken over by Steven Fitzpatrick, and they reverted back to Manor for 2015 and 2016.

Pascal Wehrlein got their second and what would ultimately be their last points-scoring finish in Austria last year, coming home in 10th place.

This looked like it would be enough to secure Manor 10th in the constructors' championship, before Sauber picked up two points in the rain-affected Brazilian Grand Prix, leapfrogging the Swiss team above them.

Because of that Manor lost out on millions of pounds of prize money for 2017, contributing to the team's downfall.

• *Esteban Ocon during Manor's last race in Abu Dhabi and inset, Jules Bianchi Pictures: Manor F1*

From right, Terry Russell, Gavin Lissenden, John Houston and George Pickett (not boxing)

Fighters ready for opening rounds

BOXING coach John Houston says he is delighted with the progress of his boxing champions Terry Russell and Gavin Lissenden as they prepare for their opening fights of the new season this weekend.

Houston, who trains the duo out of his South Moreton boxing gym, has been putting both Russell and Lissenden through their paces over the past eight weeks to ensure the pair put on the performance of their lives at Saturday's televised Queensbury Boxing League event in West Sussex.

National champion Russell will make the first defence of his title having made an unsuccessful attempt to repeat the trick in the light-heavyweight division against Dominic Felix back in September.

Meanwhile, Didcot's Lissenden featured in some of the league's most exciting contests last season and his regional title defence against Brighton's Andy Murataj promises to deliver more of the same.

For Houston, the key to victory for Lissenden is to avoid a slugfest.

He said: "In Gavin's last defence against Jake Heasman he got involved in a war and was knocked down. If he had stuck to his boxing he would have been fine.

"I consider Murataj even more dangerous so we've again been hammering the message home to keep things at range."

The boxing pair train five days a week and only had one day off over Christmas.

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Stars too bright for Dynamos for the third time

OXFORD City Stars fought back admirably from 3-1 down to beat Invicta Dynamos 5-3 in a badly tempered match at the Oxford Ice Rink on Sunday.

Five different Oxford players found the back of the net against second placed Dynamos and, despite the Dynamos still being three places and nine points above the Stars, the win is the third defeat Simon Anderson's side have inflicted on their visitors this season. The Stars started brightly and, with less than three minutes to go in the first period, Dax Hedges put Oxford ahead.

If momentum had been with the Stars in the first period, the first half of the second period definitely belonged to the Dynamos.

The Stars were left scratching their heads as the Dynamos scored three goals in quick succession in the first five minutes of the period.

A Steven Osman strike and a Bailey Wootton double gave the visitors a remarkable lead and Oxford were playing catch up all of a sudden.

But the Stars showed impressive character themselves to level the contest through Alan Green and Matt Jordon on 28 and 30 minutes.

Both sides came out fired up for the third period, each wanting to take home the points, but the game descended into chaos with fights frequently delaying play.

Dominic Hopkins gave the Stars the lead for the second time less than a minute into the last period and, amidst the disorder, Jesse Lye secured the win on 49 minutes, managing to hit the puck into the net when falling over and sliding along the ice.

Tournament of a lifetime in Morocco

AN amateur golfer from Bicester is preparing to head out to Morocco for an expenses-paid trip of a lifetime to compete in the singles final of the 2016 Morocco Matchplay.

Semi-retired Martyn Smith, 62, a 16-handicapper, who plays at Heythrop Park GC, is one of 32 golfers who qualified from two regional finals in 2016 to play in the grand final, which takes place from February 7-10 in Marrakech.

Smith will enjoy complimentary return flights from Gatwick to Marrakech; five nights' luxury bed-and-breakfast accommodation in the five-star Palmeraie Palace; four rounds of championship golf on the Robert Trent Jones-designed PalmGolf Marrakech Palmeraie; a welcome cocktail reception; and a last-night gala dinner and prize presentation.

Four competitions culminate at the grand final, sponsored for a third year by the Moroccan National Tourist Office (MNTO): singles, pairs, mixed pairs and senior pairs.

Hoops clipped by Wings in 4-0 thrashing on the road

By George Welch

OXFORD City caretaker boss Mark Jones admitted his side were second best as a second half capitulation condemned the Hoops to their joint heaviest defeat on the road this season.

City, who now have a fortnight off, won't want to dwell on Saturday's heavy 4-0 defeat at Welling United for too long.

After a goalless first 58 minutes, Pierre Joseph-Dubois tucked home a loose ball to give the Wings, who City beat 2-1 on the opening day of the season, the lead.

But City's miserable afternoon was compounded after Joseph-Dubois's opener on 59 minutes.

Further goals from Danny Waldren, Harry Crawford and Adam Coombes followed to seal City's worst defeat since December's 6-0 hammering in what was Justin Merritt's last game in charge.

Speaking after the game, Jones praised Welling but admitted his side, who are now winless in three, were not good enough on the day.

He said: "Sometimes you have to take defeat on the chin and accept that, on the day, you were beaten by the better side.

"I thought it was an even game for those 45 minutes and we told the players at half time to concentrate on the little details and be more switched on at key moments.

"We didn't really have the quality to hurt them. Our passing was poor at times, we gave the ball away cheaply but, and it sounds strange to say this after getting beaten by four goals, I thought the back four did OK.

"I just felt we didn't carry enough threat going forward – if you look at the whole 90 minutes we didn't really make their 'keeper make a save even though we got into some good positions.

"I thought we tried. I just felt that we weren't as good as them today.

"Sometimes you have to look at that and accept that. It's not nice, we don't like getting beaten and everybody is disappointed but we've got to keep working."

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Stephane Ngamvoulou fails to escape the attentions of the Welling defence. Picture: Michael Allen

North Leigh too strong in derby

NORTH Leigh hammered local rivals Wantage Town 4-0 on Tuesday to move up to eighth and continue their Division 1 South & West charge.

Bradley Gray gave the Millers a 1-0 half time lead at Alfredian Park before second half goals from Michael Hopkins, Lance Williams (p) and George Seacole.

The result saw Wantage, who also lost 4-1 at home to Larkhall Athletic on Saturday, slip to the bottom of the table on goal difference.

But Leigh, who beat lowly Slimbridge 3-1 at Eynsham Park on Saturday, continued their promotion fight by extending their unbeaten run to nine matches. Slimbridge scored in the first minute on Saturday but North Leigh fought back thanks to a Gray strike and a Hopkins double.

John Brough's side are five points and three places off the play-offs – with games in hand on all the teams above them.

Leigh substitute defender Jon Else was sent off for a two-footed tackle late on, but Leigh held on for a vital three points.

The Millers travel to mid-table Shortwood United on Saturday before hosting 17th-placed Barnstable Town on Tuesday. Wantage – winless in 12 – travel to ninth placed Winchester City on Saturday.

U's youngster signs for Diddy

DIDCOT Town have signed striker George Jeacock following his release from Oxford United.

Jeacock returns to the Railwaymen following a work experience spell in November 2015, when he scored three goals in nine games.

After signing a professional contract with the U's last summer, the 19-year-old's contract was terminated early last month.

Manager Andy Ballard said he is pleased to capture Jeacock.

He said: "He is a talented young player with ambition to play at a higher level. I am happy to give him the opportunity to gain regular football and help him achieve his ambition. If George fulfils his potential it should be beneficial for us as a club and himself."

Jeacock, who has been training at the club for a few weeks, has also played for Banbury United and Farnborough.

Jeacock signed on Tuesday, following Diddy's fourth consecutive draw on Saturday as their Division 1 South & West continues to peter out.

Debutant Riccardo Andrady scored in stoppage time to earn Didcot a point as they drew 2-2 in their longest trip of the season to Bideford. Diddy made the worst possible start when Dan Western pounced on a poor punch from goalkeeper Leigh Bedwell to tap into an empty net and give Biddy the lead.

Didcot responded at the start of the second half when Louis Joyce slotted home the equaliser.

Bideford regained the lead 10 minutes later as Western doubled his tally with a chip from outside the box.

But Didcot salvaged a point when Andrady, on loan from Woking, was introduced with 10 minutes remaining and rescued a point.

Two more sign on for Oxford United Women

• *Lauren Haynes and Madi Lee Pictures: OUFCW*

TWO more players have re-signed for Oxford United Women ahead of the WSL Spring Series.

Lauren Haynes and Madi Lee become the second and third players to commit to the club following defender Jess Frampton's decision to re-sign last week.

Midfielder Haynes made 15 appearances for the club last season and said she cannot wait to get the season underway after 'developing a lot last season'.

She said: "I'm really excited and delighted to re-sign for Oxford United again for next season.

"I just want to get back to it now and continue to develop and become the best player I can be but also helping the team fulfil its potential.

"We had a tough time last year but I feel confident as a club we are heading in the right direction to hit our targets next season."

After a great first season with the U's last year, defender and Florida native Lee is also raring to go for the WSL Spring Series.

She said: "Last year was a learning experience, and its great that we have managed to keep the same group together for the Spring Series. We are a young team who know we will have to work hard to accomplish more that we did last year, but it's very exciting and we are ready to prove ourselves.

"This shorter season is the perfect opportunity to build this team and prepare for the season later on in the year."

The WSL Spring Series kicks off with a home tie against Everton Ladies on February 12.

Season tickets cover four home games and cost £12.

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U'S CUP DELIGHT

By George Welch

• *Oxford United players celebrate Kane Hemmings' opener Picture: Steve Daniels*

OXFORD United continue to fight on three fronts after progressing in the FA Cup and Checkatrade Trophy this week.

The U's embarrassed SkyBet Championship side Newcastle United 3-0 at the Kassam Stadium on Saturday before sweeping aside fellow League One outfit Bradford City 2-1 on Tuesday – also at the Kassam – to reach the semi-final of the Checkatrade Trophy.

Saturday's cup upset over Newcastle in front of a sold out crowd was secured with second half goals from Kane Hemmings, Curtis Nelson and a debut strike from Toni Martinez, with the help of a penalty save from Simon Eastwood.

It is the fifth time Oxford have reached the 5th round of the competition. They last played at that stage in 1994 when they lost 2-1 at home to Chelsea.

United will travel to Premier League Middlesbrough for the round of 16 on February 18 as they look to reach the quarter-final for the first time in their history.

As a result, their trip to Charlton Athletic that weekend has been postponed.

After a fairly even first half against Newcastle, the U's took the lead just a minute after the restart when Newcastle failed to clear a corner and Hemmings prodded home from close range.

But the decisive moment of the match came just after the hour when Aleksandar Mitrovic had a penalty saved by Eastwood when Newcastle were trailing 1-0.

The Serbian's miss proved costly when Nelson headed in from a corner on 79 minutes and Martinez added a third with a wonderfully guided header three minutes from time.

Mitrovic could have scored at least a hat-trick but he squandered a number of good chances for the Magpies, who are second in the SkyBet Championship and look Premier League-bound.

Eastwood produced arguably his performance of the season by pulling off some vital saves in what was Michael Appleton's 150th match in charge of the U's.

And Appleton marked his 151st game with a win too – this one coming against Bradford to reach the semi-final of the Checkatrade Trophy.

A Chris Maguire penalty and a spectacular Marvin Johnson strike separated by just two second half minutes secured United's passage into the last four.

A looping header from Bradford's on loan forward Jordy Hiwula five minutes from time caused late nerves, but United held on to win their third game in as many matches, all in different competitions.

United are now just one win away from returning to Wembley and will travel to either Luton Town or Yeovil Town, who play on Tuesday, later this month for a place in the final.

The other semi-final sees League One side Coventry City host League Two outfit Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday.

The Checkatrade Trophy final will be played at Wembley Stadium on April 2.

United lost to Barnsley in last year's final.

Out of play offs after two defeats

BANBURY United slipped out of the Southern Premier League play-offs after back-to-back 1-0 defeats in four days.

The Puritans' impressive nine match unbeaten run came to an end at title-chasing Merthyr Town on Saturday before losing by the same 1-0 scoreline at home to a resurgent Basingstoke Town on Tuesday.

A superb free-kick by Nana Owusu six minutes into the second half gave Basingstoke, who have now won their last three matches, a deserved three points at the Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium.

Tuesday's defeat made it two consecutive games without scoring for Mike Ford's side, but they should have salvaged a point from their trip to south Wales on Saturday.

Merthyr always looked the more likely to make the breakthrough and they duly did with 16 minutes remaining when Kayne McLaggon struck a fine shot from the right across the goal and into the far corner of the net.

But Banbury should have rescued a point when they were given a penalty after Luke Carnell was felled in the box with just two minutes to go.

James Smith stepped up to take the kick but Oliver Davies in the Merthyr goal did well to dive low to his left and knock the ball away for a corner, much to the delight of the home supporters.

United will be looking to bounce back on Saturday when they host 20th placed Cambridge.

• *Basingstoke defend a Banbury corner Picture: E A Barson Photography*

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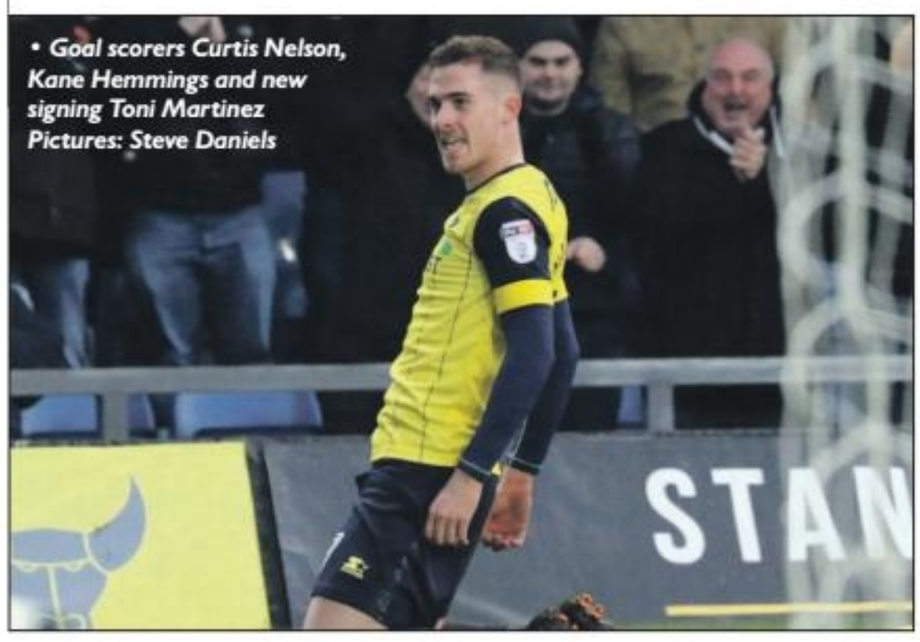

• Goal scorers Curtis Nelson, Kane Hemmings and new signing Toni Martinez Pictures: Steve Daniels

Appleton: Toon win is biggest achievement of my career

OXFORD United head coach Michael Appleton hailed his cup heroes after Saturday's 3-0 hammering of Newcastle United.

The 41-year-old, who celebrated his 150th game in charge of Oxford with the win, believes his side can push on and be SkyBet League One promotion contenders next season.

Having beaten two Championship teams in this season's FA Cup already, Appleton said: "We are certainly going in the right direction.

"I think the start of the season was an eye opener for a few of the players.

"A few of the players didn't expect the step up from League One to League Two and [the better league standard] shocked me a little bit.

"But over the period of time we've got a lot of young players who are really coming to the fore now.

"If we can have a decent end to the season and just push and threaten the top six I will be delighted because I know with two or three additions to what we've got next season we could have a right go to try and play at Championship level every week.

"My first priority is to get 50 points and then beyond that is making sure we can push as close to the top six as possible."

Appleton added that the win over the Magpies is the biggest of his career, despite beating Arsenal at the Emirates as Blackburn Rovers manager in 2013's FA Cup.

He added: "When I say it is probably a bigger achievement for me beating Newcastle today than it was beating Arsenal in the 5th round at the Emirates and as the only team to do it – that's how a big a game it was for us."

The former Portsmouth, Blackpool and Blackburn Rovers boss has won 67 of his 151 matches in charge of Oxford, giving him a 44 per cent win ratio.

He has also drawn 44 and lost 40 games in his time as Oxford United head coach.

Rafa 'we didn't take our chances, all credit to United for fighting'

OXFORD United were praised by a visibly downbeat Rafa Benitez after the U's reached the FA Cup 5th round for just the fifth time in the club's history.

Benitez apologised to the travelling Newcastle fans after his side capitulated to three-second half Oxford goals.

The former Liverpool, Chelsea and Real Madrid boss said he did not underestimate the Yellows and admitted Newcastle were not good enough.

It was a memorable victory for Oxford, with head coach Michael Appleton stating afterwards that he hopes to see his side challenge for promotion next year.

Responding to a question about whether the U's could compete in the Championship, former Champions League winner Benitez said: "Yes, if they play at that level, why not?"

The 56-year-old, who won the FA Cup with Liverpool in 2006, added: "We knew about Oxford's quality, we did our homework and we analysed almost everything.

"In the end, football is a game that you have to take your chances. We had our chances and we didn't take them."

The Spaniard's disappointment with his team's performance was clear to see.

He said: "We didn't take our chances in the first half, even missed a penalty and they took their chances.

"We didn't mark properly and we have to give credit to them because they were fighting for the result and we made too many mistakes."

He admitted he made multiple changes to protect his side's Championship starting 11 and to restate his concerns of a lack of back up in his squad. One of those changes was the inclusion of striker Aleksandar Mitrovic, who had a torrid time in front of goal, missing a hatful of chances – including a penalty.

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